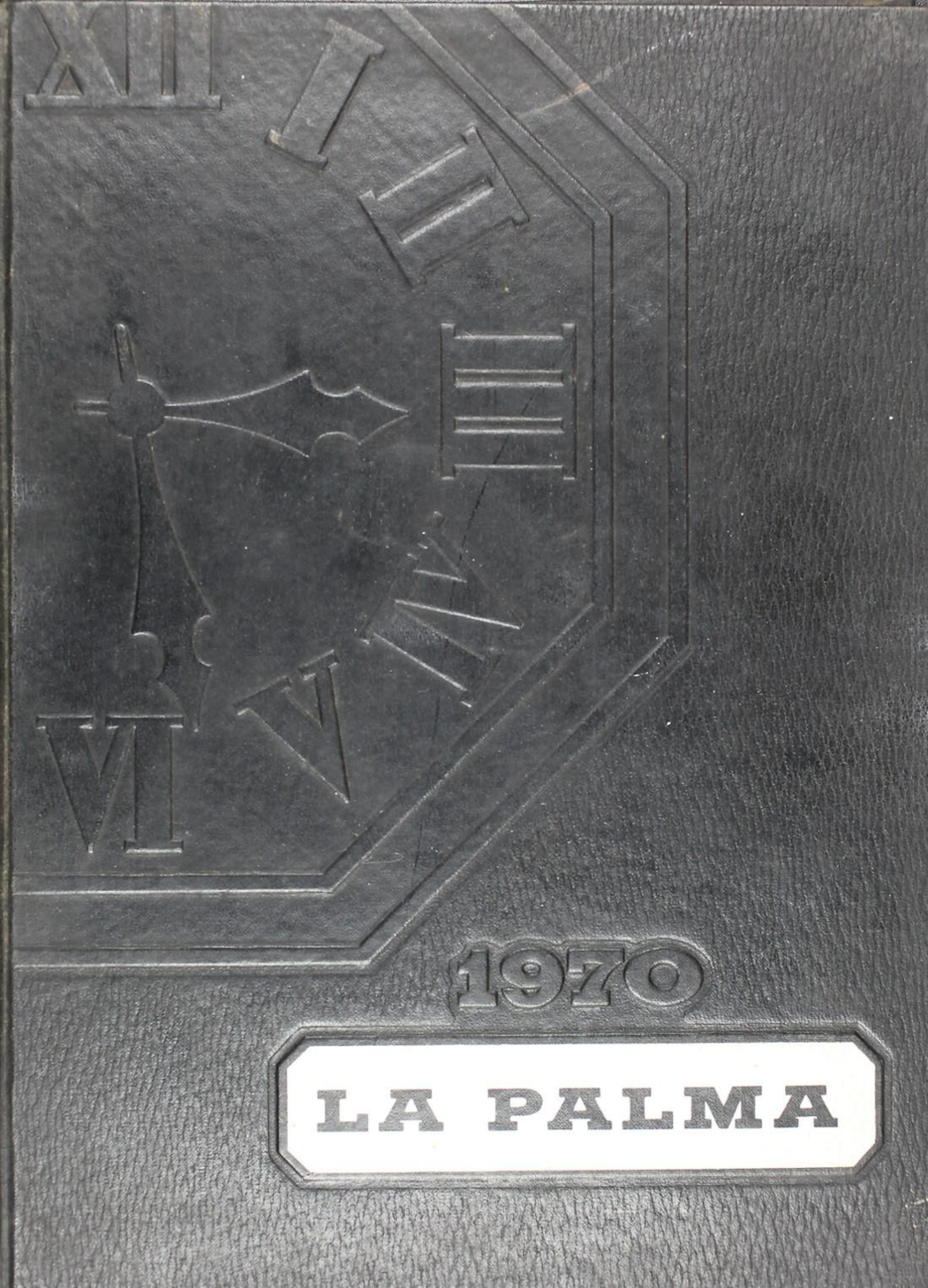
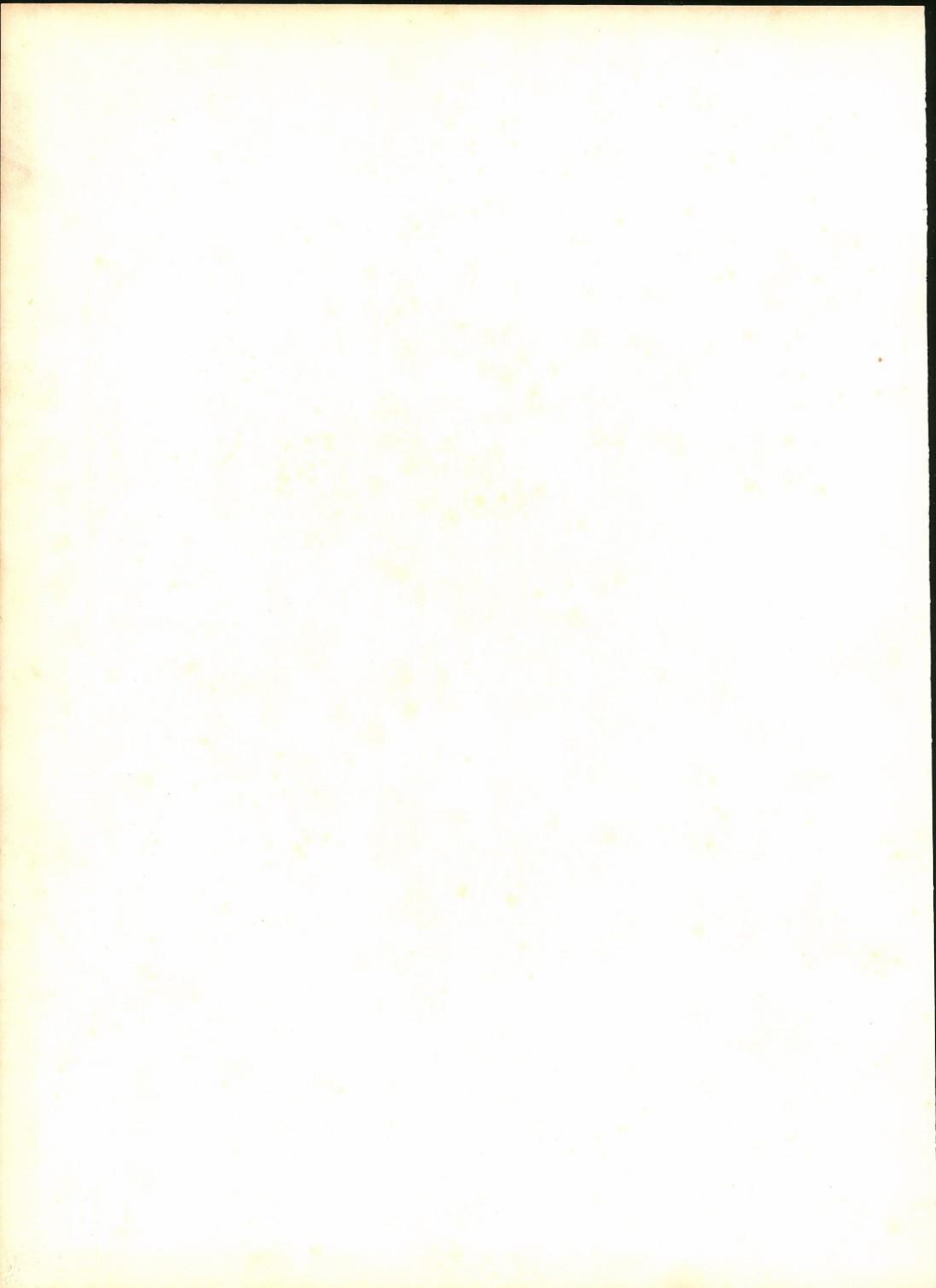
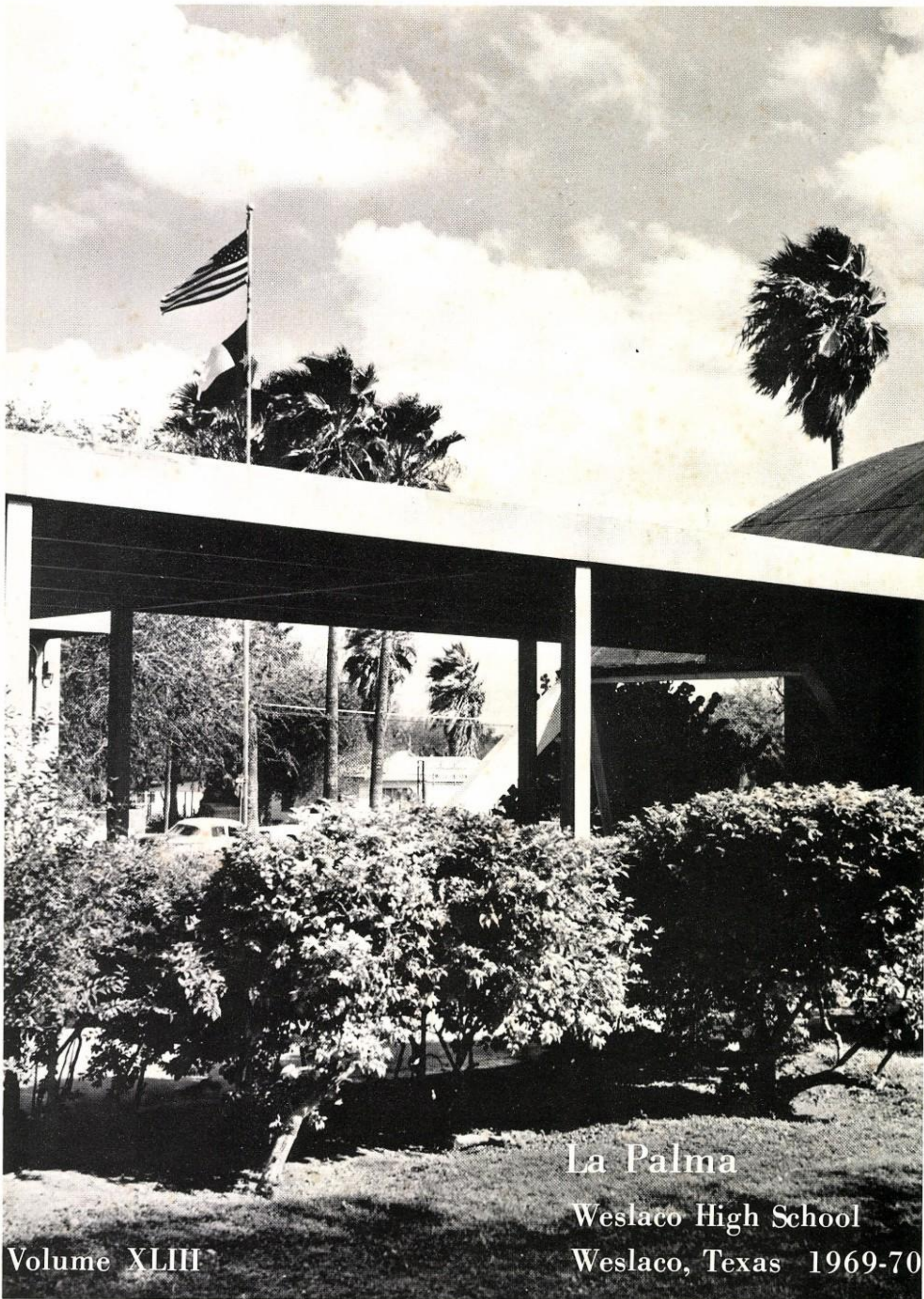




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We see it with our eyes;
We touch it with our hands.



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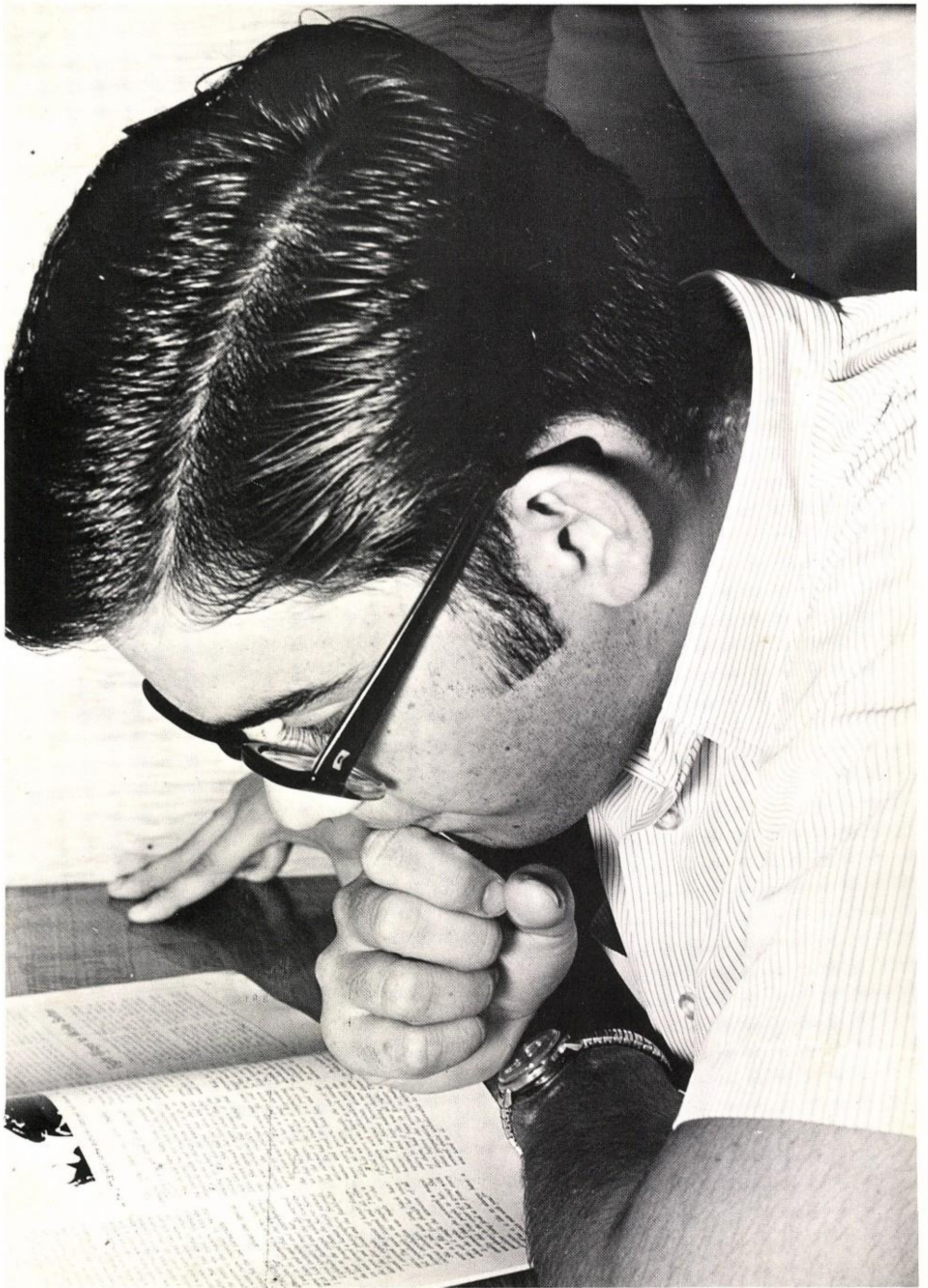
**THEIR DREAM: Building A
Town In a New Land**

We see it with our eyes;
We touch it with our hands;
We study it with our minds.

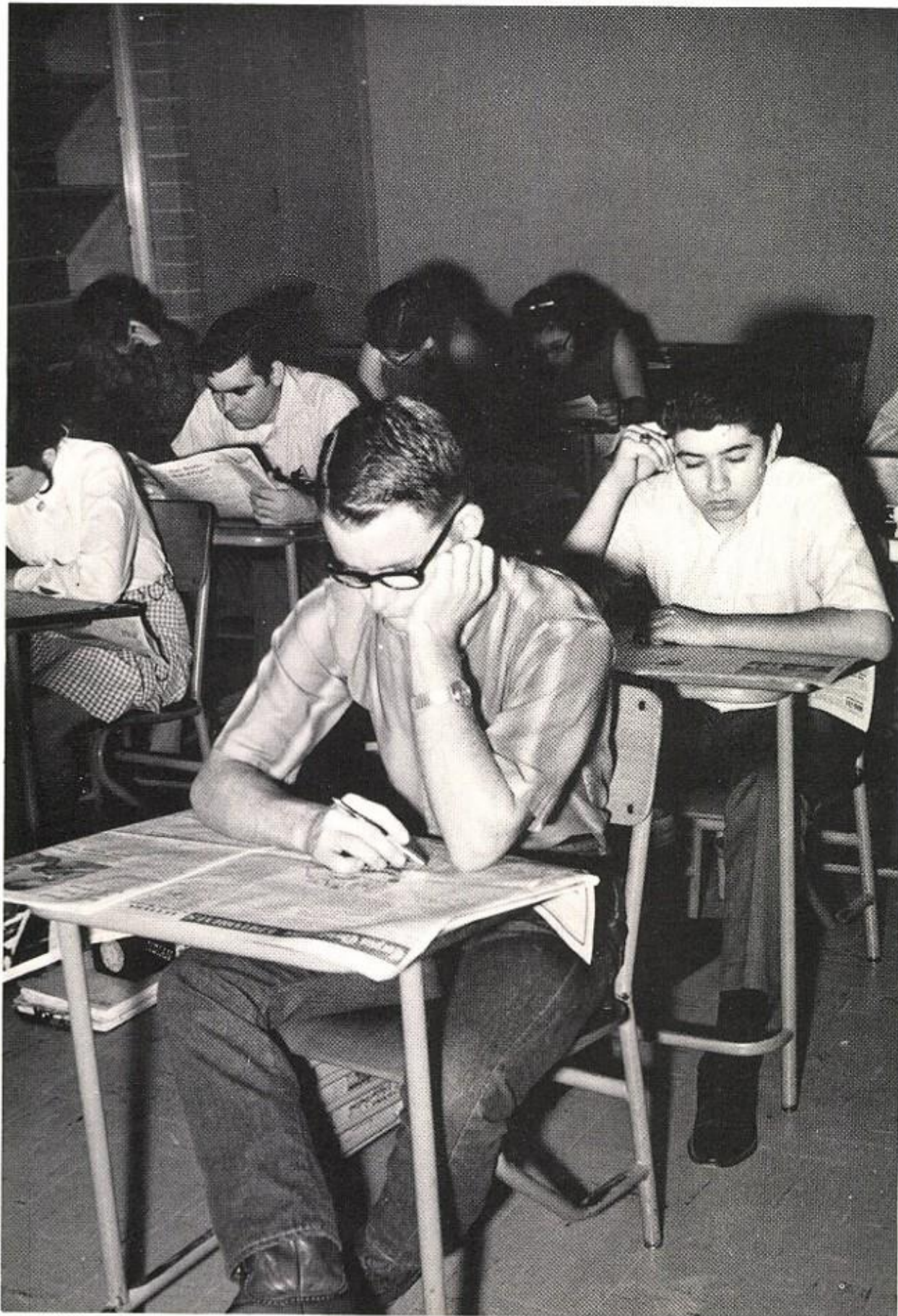




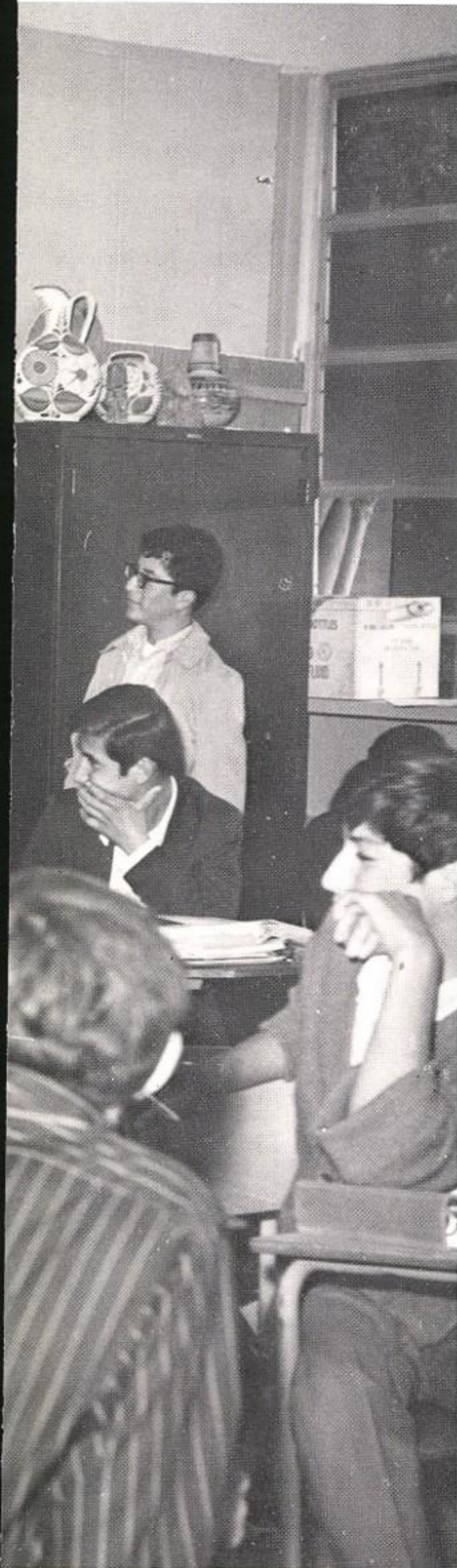
Street Scene Weslaco Texas



THEIR DREAM: A Town With
Opportunity At Every Door
We question it with the
hearts of a new generation;
We search for it with the
zest of youth;
We secure it with
hope for tomorrow.



Fifty years have left ideas
of generations unchanged
as the newer and the
older stand side by
side and admit to
being compared.





Weslaco Celebrates...1929, 1969







Dedication--

We, the 1969-70 La Palma staff, dedicate La Palma to one we dearly love, Mrs. Martha Andersen. Mrs. Andersen gives every free moment to students at WHS. Unlike many teachers, her school work neither begins in September nor ends in May; neither does it begin first period, nor end eighth period. Mrs. Andersen supplements class days by taking students to conferences, conventions,

and workshops, attempting to make WHS's publications the best.

Additionally, Mrs. Andersen's face is sometimes seen at assemblies, football games and pep rallies and club meetings as she waits patiently to help student photographers. During the endless hours of photographing each student for his school picture, Mrs. Andersen stands patiently with comb and hair spray in

hand, helping students make last minute touch ups.

Mrs. Andersen teaches her students to participate fully in writing, organizing, designing layouts, selling and distributing publications. In addition, there's theory too, as Mrs. Andersen uses world newspapers, television, and sample materials from other schools as living textbooks for her students.



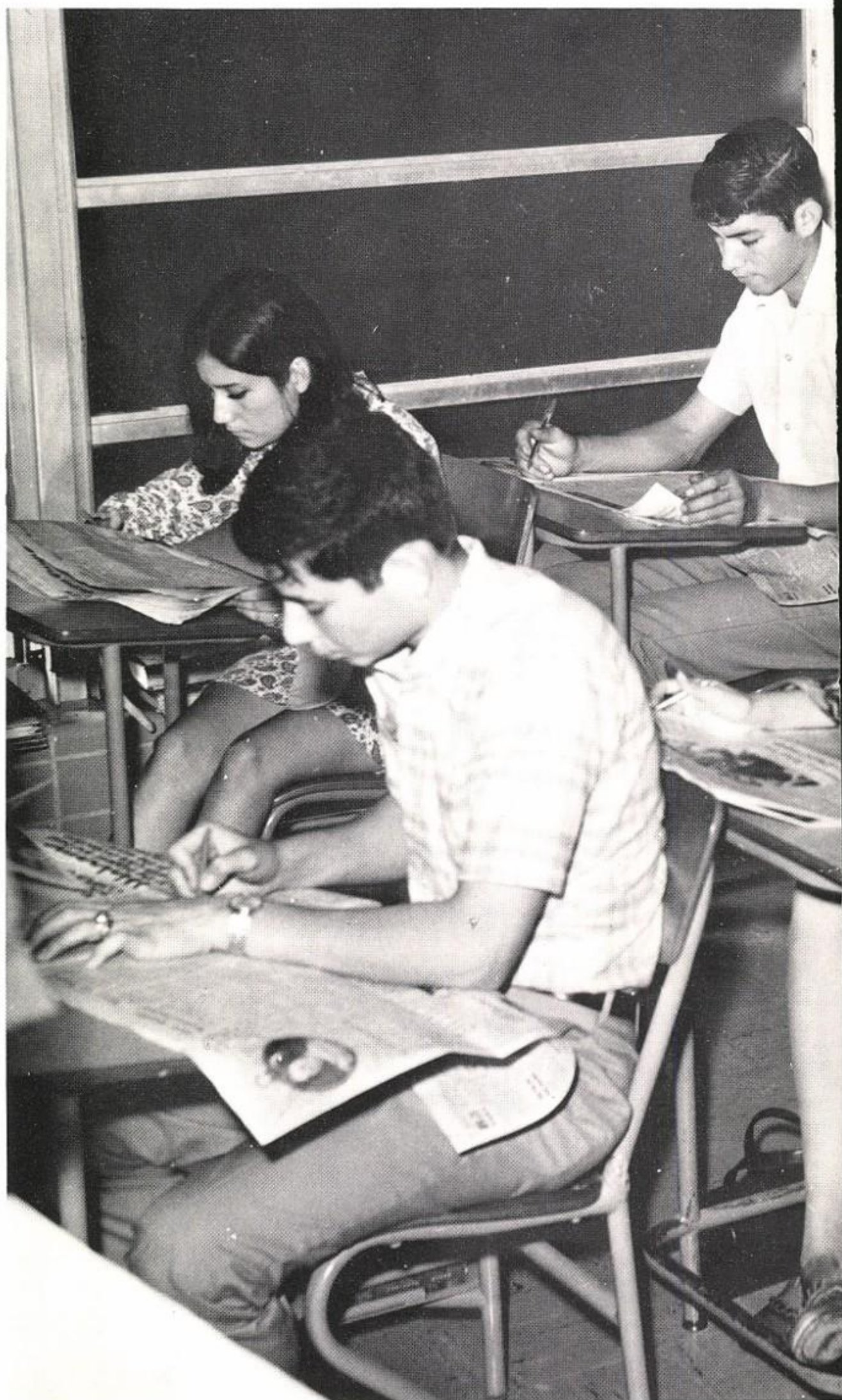


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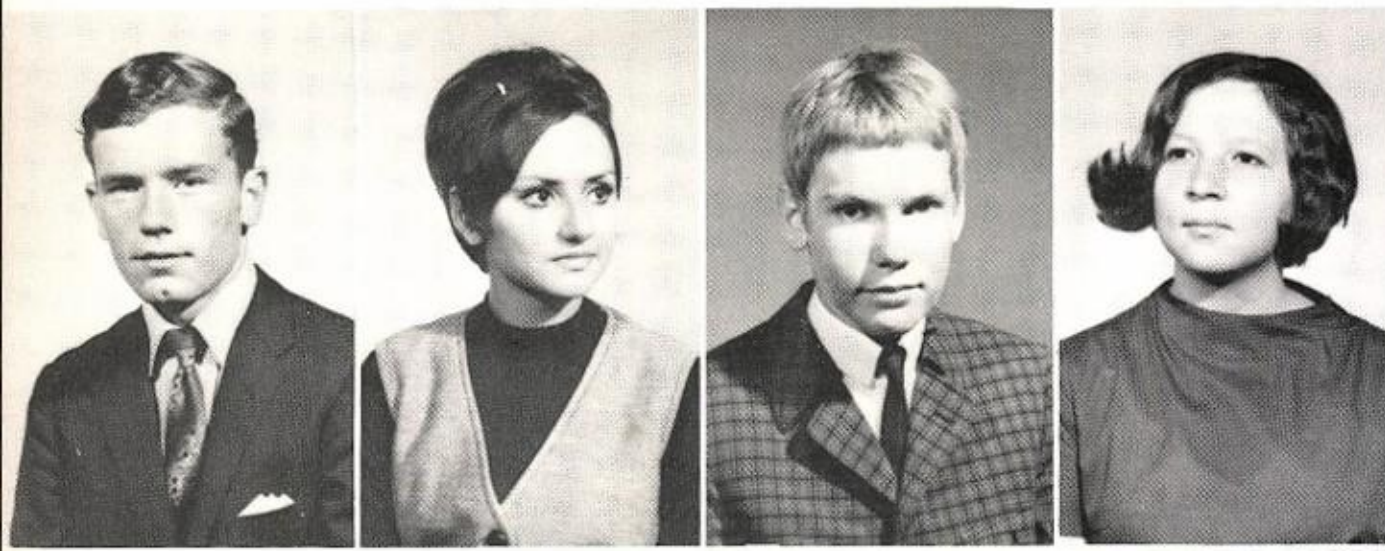
When Weslaco High School's first class graduated, back in 1922, some nine students received diplomas. When commencement came around in 1970, more than 250 students were candidates for graduation.

Weslaco's student body the first day of school reported to classes with shovels for the boys, and lunches for two for the girls, as students came prepared to clear an athletic field.

When more than 900 students reported the first day of classes in the fall of 1969, they already had big stacks of books for four or five classes in a wide variety of subjects, and they knew that the attendance would build to more than 1650 at the peak enrollment time.



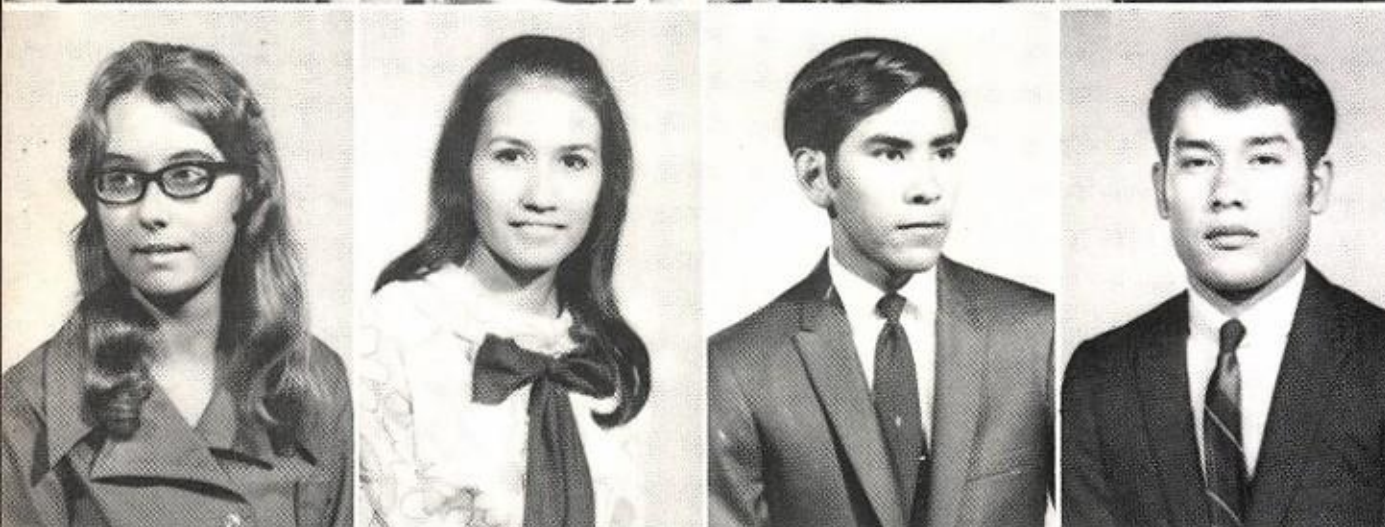




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Aguayo, Janie
Akerstrom, Bo
Alcala, Aurora



Aldrete, Maria Guadalupe
Alejandro, Maria Oralia
Almaguer, Elida
Andersen, Linda



Anderson, Joan Elaine
Aparicio, Maria Luisa
Argueta, Edward Jasso
Avila, Jesus



Bacz, Irma Ida
Balboa, Felicitas
Barker, Rochelle
Barnes, Peggy



Bernal, Johnny
Bradford, Peggy Lu
Brown, Karen
Brown, Leon Jr.

Seniors - -

Bullion, Bobby
Cain, John
Callaway, Vicki Lynn
Campbell, Annette Marie



Cano, Maria Ninfa
Cannon, Chris
Cantu, Amado Edelmiro
Cantu, Jorge Alberto



Cantu, Maria Elena
Cardenas, George Harold
Cardenas, Rosalie
Cardona, Rene



Casanova, Yolanda
Castaneda, Juan Jose
Castro, Martha Elva
Cavazos, Maria Estela



Cavazos, Mary Jane
Cavazos, Vicenta
Chandler, Janis
Correa, Javier Rene





Attending a Pan American Student Forum tea are Kathy Bell from San Benito and Jørn Petersen from Weslaco, both foreign exchange

students. Steve White, Jørn's American brother, joins the main conversation.



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Couch, Bill
Cross, Phyllis
Cuellar, Hilaria



Cuellar, Maggie
Cuellar, Sylvia Elizabeth
Davis, Gary L.
de la Fuente, Yvonne

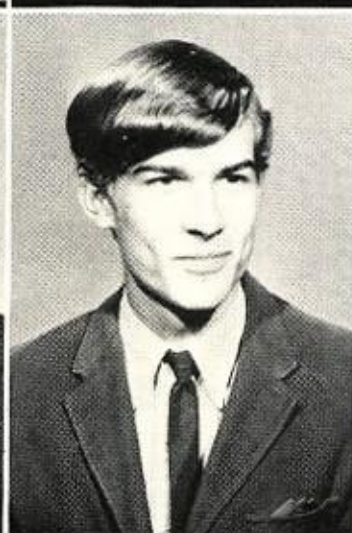


de la Garza, Eloy
de la Rosa, Angel
de Leon, Rosalinda
de Leon, Virginia

Dean, Kathleen
Deer, Pamela (Pam)
Delgado, Sergio
Diaz, Ismael



Dickerson, Andrea
Dodd, Barry
Downing, Dennis
Easley, Melody



Elizondo, Daniel
Engle, Mary Katherine
Escobar, Norma
Espinoza, Nancy

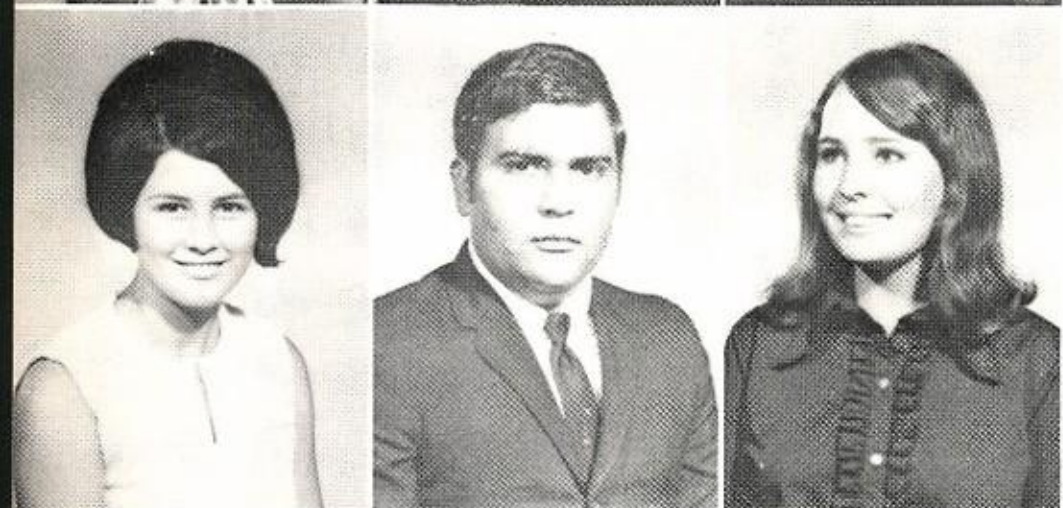


Fernandez, Linda
Flores, Esmeralda
Flores, Sonia
Fortenberry, Jennefer



Frase, Roxanne
Garcia, Daniel
Garcia, Diane
Garcia, Esmeralda





Garcia, Estella
Garcia, Juanita
Garcia, Sylvia

Garcia, Esther
Garcia, Pablo
Garcia, Willfred

Garcia Herminia
Garcia, Rosie A.
Gallagher, Debbie

Gary Davis, vice president of the Student Senate, receives a key of friendship.



Gamez, Samuel
Gamboa, Luisa
Garrett, Diana
Garza, Eli



Goeser, James
Gonzalez, Glenda
Gonzales, Gloria
Gonzales, Hilda



Belinda Joaquin, NHS member, helps Gloria Bautista in a tutoring program sponsored by National Honor Society.



Gonzalez, Jose
Gray, Carol Ann

Gonzales, Olga
Gross, Susan

Graham, Jerry
Henson, Steve

Harbison, Kathy
Harbison, Kyle
Harbison, Vicki
Harrison, Pam

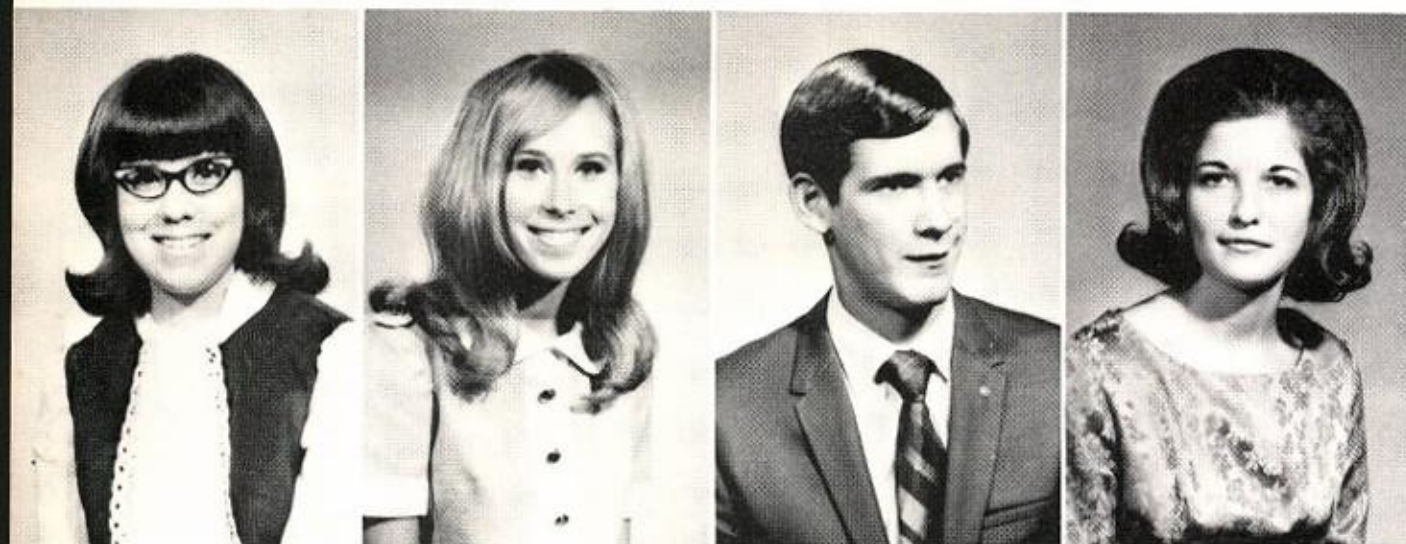


Hefley, Diane
Hernandez, Fernando
Hinojosa, Olga Onelia
Hinojosa, Roel



Hinojosa, Sylvia
Huerta, Lucila
Jenkin, Randall
Joaquin, Belinda





Knowles, Tania
Lancaster, Karen
Ligon, Steve
Linderman, Christie



Lopez, Alvaro
Lopez, Lydia
Lopez, Magda
Lopez, Petra



Lozano, Linda Lee
Luera, Sylvia
Lyles, Joyce
McDaniel, Esther

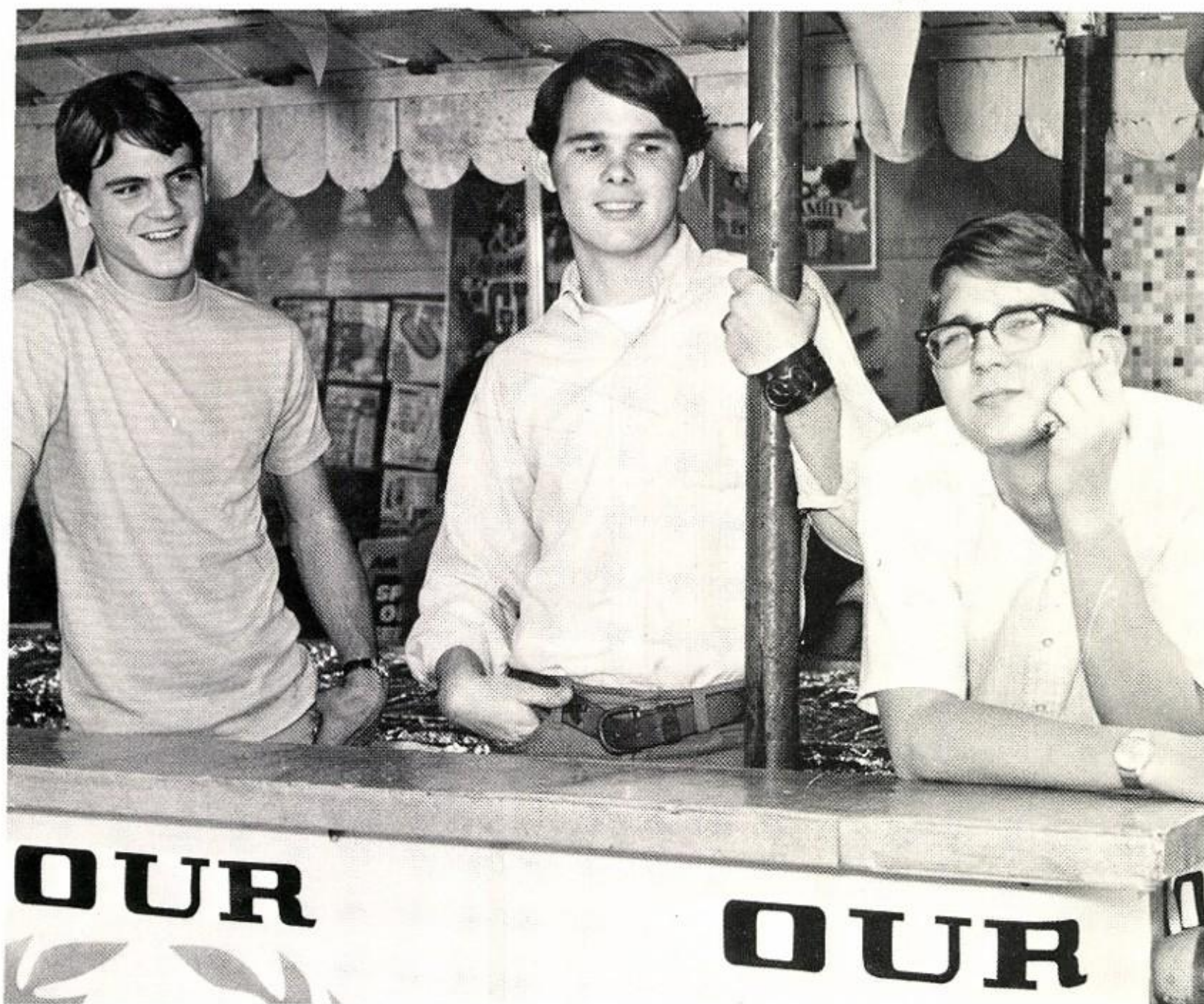


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McKinney, Karalene
McManus, Mark
Mata, Florence



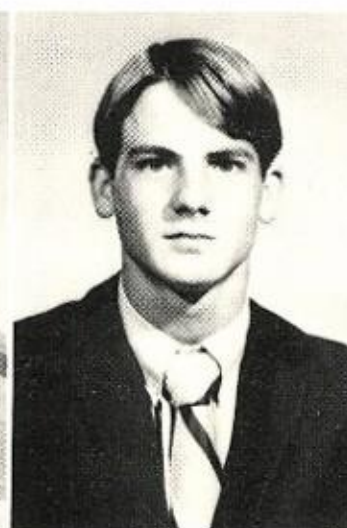
McWhorter, Tommy
Marquez, Rosalinda
Martinez, Pedro
Martinez, Romero

Seniors Work At Celebration



Matamoros, Leonicia
Medina, Linda

Mendoza, Irma
Mendez, Norma
Michalk, Tommy
Mora, Margarita



Mora, Maximo
Morales, Victor
Molina, Lucino
Moore, Sandra Mrs.





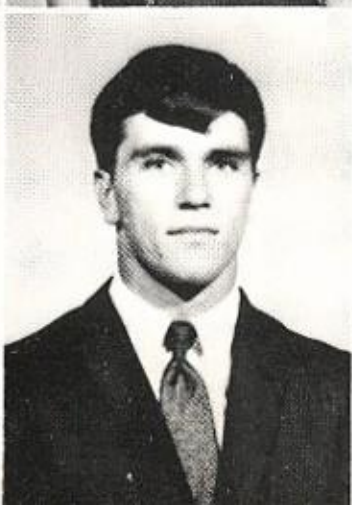
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Nichols, Linda



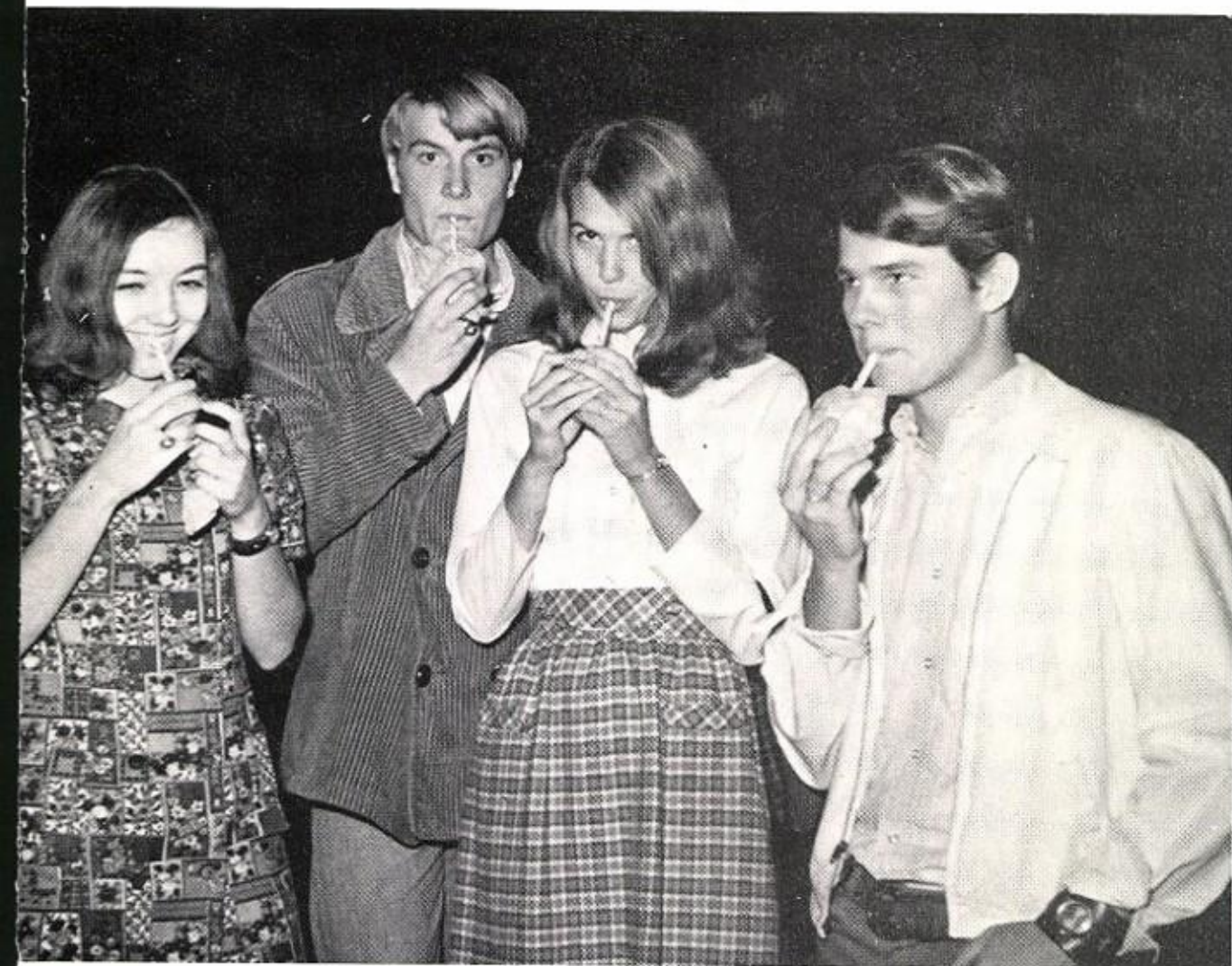
Steve Henson and Mike Vasquez, Panther co-captains, dedicate the Donna game to Coach J. D. Centilli at a pep rally.



Noriega, Robert
Ochoa, Zulema
Olivarez, Minerva
Padilla, Maria Elma



Panzer, Gregory Kent
Parker, Roy
Payne, Kathy
Pena, Estela



It's fun like little kids with peppermint sticks in lemons, big balloons and cotton candy for seniors Richard Wells and Chris Cannon with two Mercedes High School girls at the Halloween Carnival sponsored by the junior and senior high schools. Students both worked and "played at the event," proceeds of which were split between the two schools.



Perez, Delia
Perez, Dolores

Petersen, Jørn
Pina, Gloria

Pinalez, Emma
Polvado, Sherry
Potter, John Lee
Pratt, Christi



Pullen, Mike
Quintanilla, Ruben
Quintero, Julia
Raleigh, David



Ramon, Israel
Ramos, Manuel
Reyes, Elizabeth
Reynosa, Martha





Rico, Blanca
Rico, Maria Elena
Riley, Mary
Rivera, Connie



Rivera, Elena
Rivera, Joe
Roark, Linda
Robledo, Israel



Rodriguez, Esmeralda
Rodriguez, Eva
Rodriguez, Gilbert
Rodriguez, Hermelinda



Rodriguez, Lucy
Rodriguez, Maria
Rubio, Raymundo
Saenz, Teresa



Salinas, Idalia
Salinas, Irma
Sanchez, Ida
Sanchez, Olga

Sanchez, Norma Linda
 Sanchez, Robert
 Sansing, Debbie
 Segundo, Juan Jr.



Sepulveda, Alicia
 Sepulveda, Diane
 Sepulveda, Maria Isabel
 Sepulveda, Ruben



Serna, Linda
 Shaw, Randy
 Shows, Kathy
 Silva, Norma Linda



Smith, Michael
 Stevenson, Tommy
 Stephens, Patti
 Thomson, Luanne



Trevino, Enrique
 Trevino, Gloria
 Vasquez, Danny
 Vasquez, Gloria





Vasquez, Jesse
Vasquez, Juanita

Vasquez, Mike
Vasquez, Norma

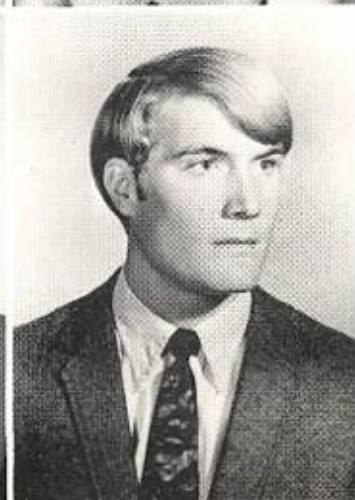
Julia Quintero and Cathy Cashier, two PASF members, listen as Richala Klippskiu, foreign exchange student from Germany, discusses different customs in a luncheon sponsored by PASF.



Vasquez, Petra
Valdes, Ruben R.
Valdez, Guadalupe
Vargas, Maricela



Villanueva, Maria Lourdes
Villarreal, Guadalupe
Villarreal, Hilda
Villarreal, Josephine



Webber, Juan Jr.
Wells, Richard
White, Ruthie
White, Steve



Senior Martha Castro enjoys reading a newspaper, all a phase of the new social studies program.



Wilson, Diane
Wubbena, Rachel



Wolfe, Priscilla
Ybarra, Lydia



Nervously waiting to be judged are queen contestants (left to right) Lupita Villarreal, Rosalinda de Leon, Vicki Callaway, and Rosie Garcia.

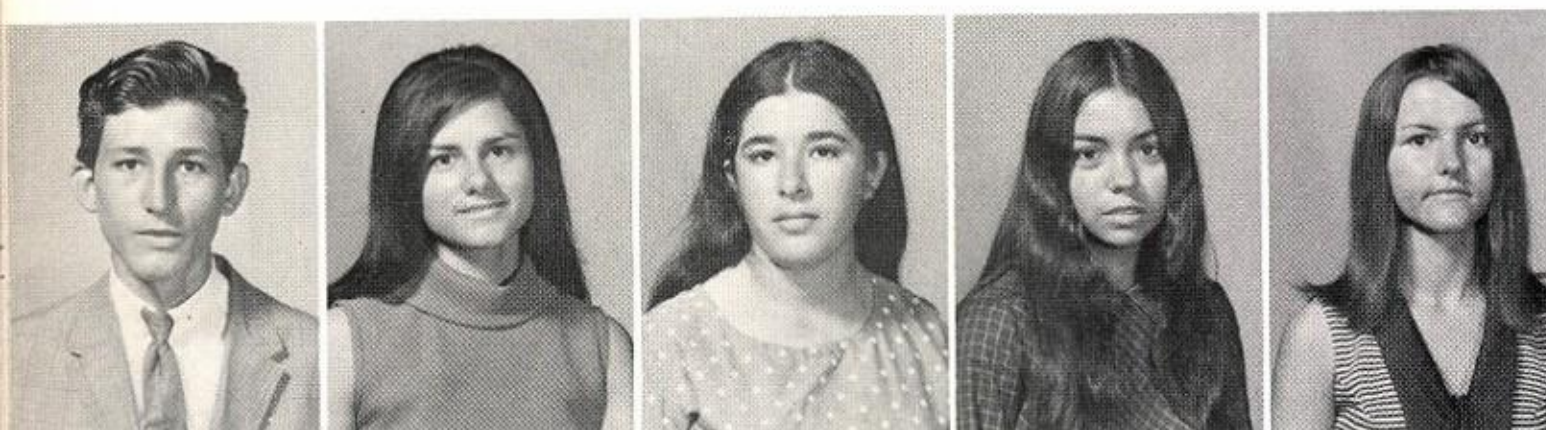
Juniors - -



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Acevedo, Pete
Adame, Adan
Aldaba, Victoria
Allen, John



Almaguer, Elsa
Almanza, Eliberta
Almanza, Juanita
Aparicio, Salome
Arce, Enrique



Arce, Rene
Arce, Viola
Avalos, Lydia
Avila, Sulema
Balaguer, Josephine



Balderas, Elena
Balderrama, Maria
Barbee, Terry
Barker, Bruce
Bautista, Irma Maria



Becerra, Juana
Becerra, Lourdes
Blanco, Flora Estella
Bohmfolk, John F.
Burkett, Debra Lynn



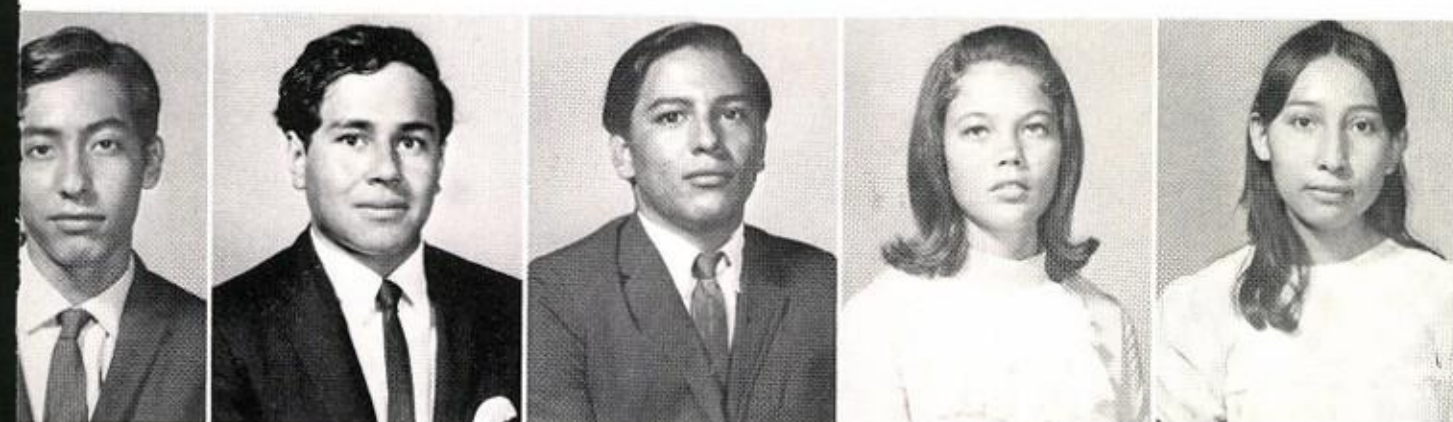
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Calles, Lynda
Calvo, Josephine
Camacho, Noe
Cancino, Maria Rosario



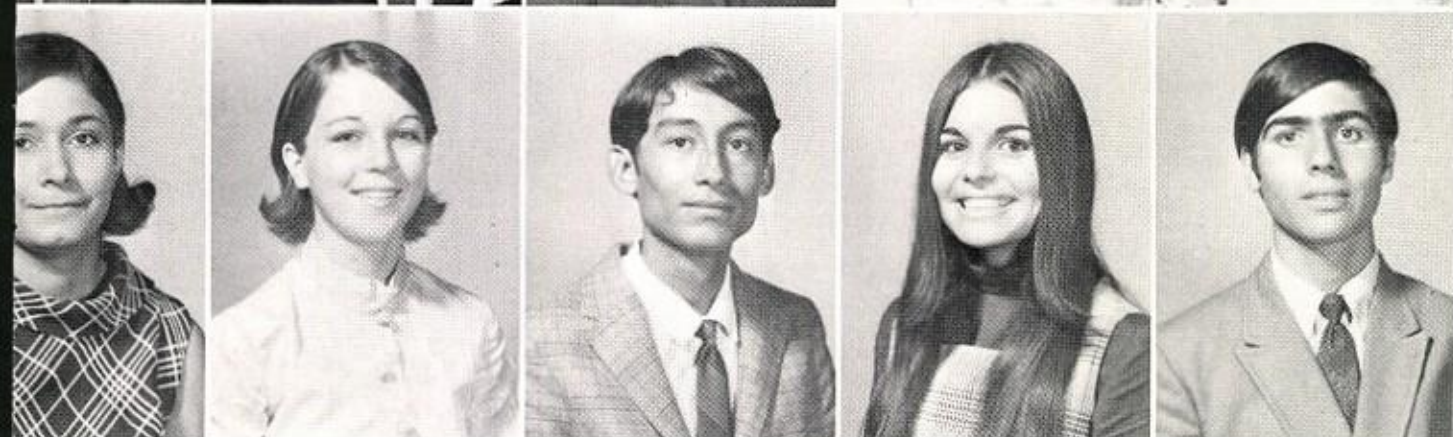
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Canon, Nancy
Cantu, Oralia
Cardenas, Henry
Cardona, Guadalupe



Carranza, Beatris
Casares, Adela
Castaneda, Rolando
Casteneda, Lucila
Castillo, Violeta



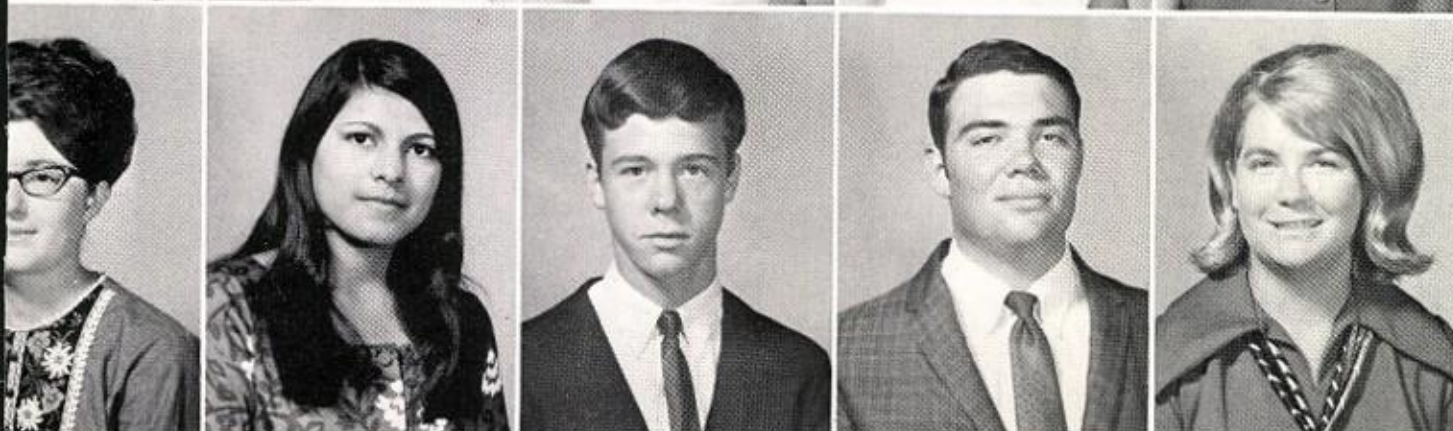
Castro, Ruben
Cerde, Oscar
Chavez, Arturo
Coonrod, Valerie Jan
Cordova, Alicia



Covacevich, Angelita
Crist, Sue Carrie
Cruz, Raul
Cuellar, Carmen
Cuellar, Hernan



Cummings, Sheri Kay
Dawson, Jeannette
de la Garza, Esperanza
de la Rosa, Juanita
de Leon, Elida



de Leon, Lydia
de los Santos, Diana
Edwards, Bernie Max
Edwards, Bruce
Eilers, Betty

Juniors Attend Holiday Parties, Work at Games



Escamilla, Robert Cesar
Escobar, Yolanda
Fernandez, Juliana (Julie)
Flores, Graciela
Flores, M. Estella



Flores, Maria Elia (Smiley)
Flores, Ruby Rodolfo
Fonseca, Ninfa
Ford, Peggy
Fox, Ruth



Frantz, Steven
Frase, Melissa Jane
Fulcher, Bobby
Garcia, Ciro
Garcia, Hector



Garcia, Luciano
Garcia, Maria
Garcia, Noemi
Garcia, Olga
Garcia, Pedro



Garcia, Sylvia
Garcia, Xavier
Garza, Debby
Garza, George
Garza, Jesus



Garza, Raul
Garza, Robert
Garza, Valerie
Glace, Victoria
Gonzalez, Alex

Gonzalez, Joy
Gonzalez, Maria Elia
Gonzalez, Noelia
Gonzalez, Noemi
Gossett, Billy Ray



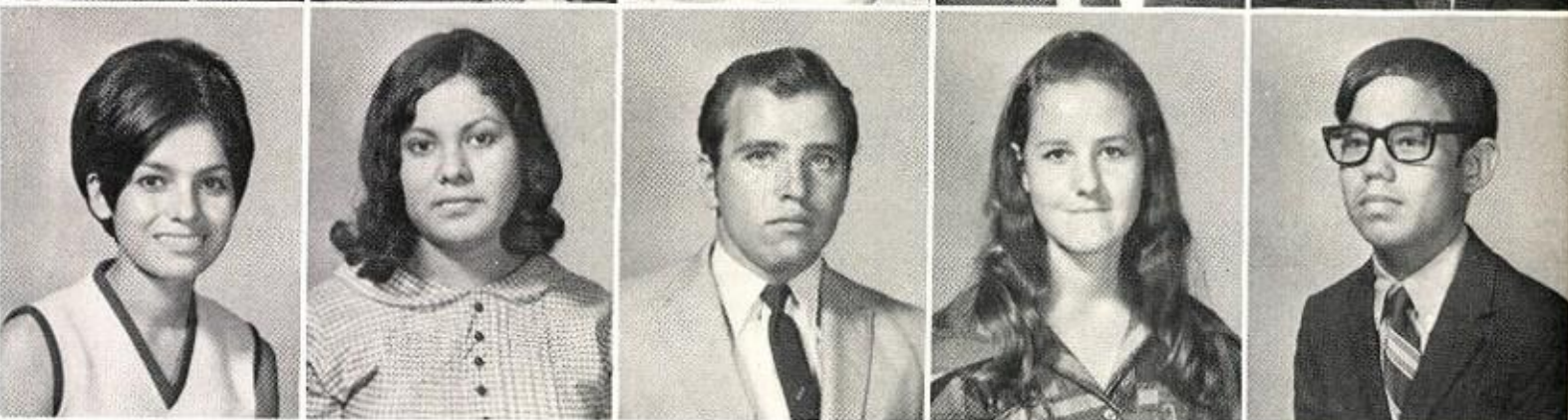
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Grimaldo, Israel
Guerra, Hermelinda
Guess, Shannon
Hansen, Dale



Harbison, Ray
Harbison, Steve
Henry, Elizabeth Ann (Liz Ann)
Hernandez, Jesus
Hernandez, Juan



Hernandez, Julia
Hernandez, Ninfa
Hinojosa, Ricardo
Hoeller, Sharon
Huerta, Roy

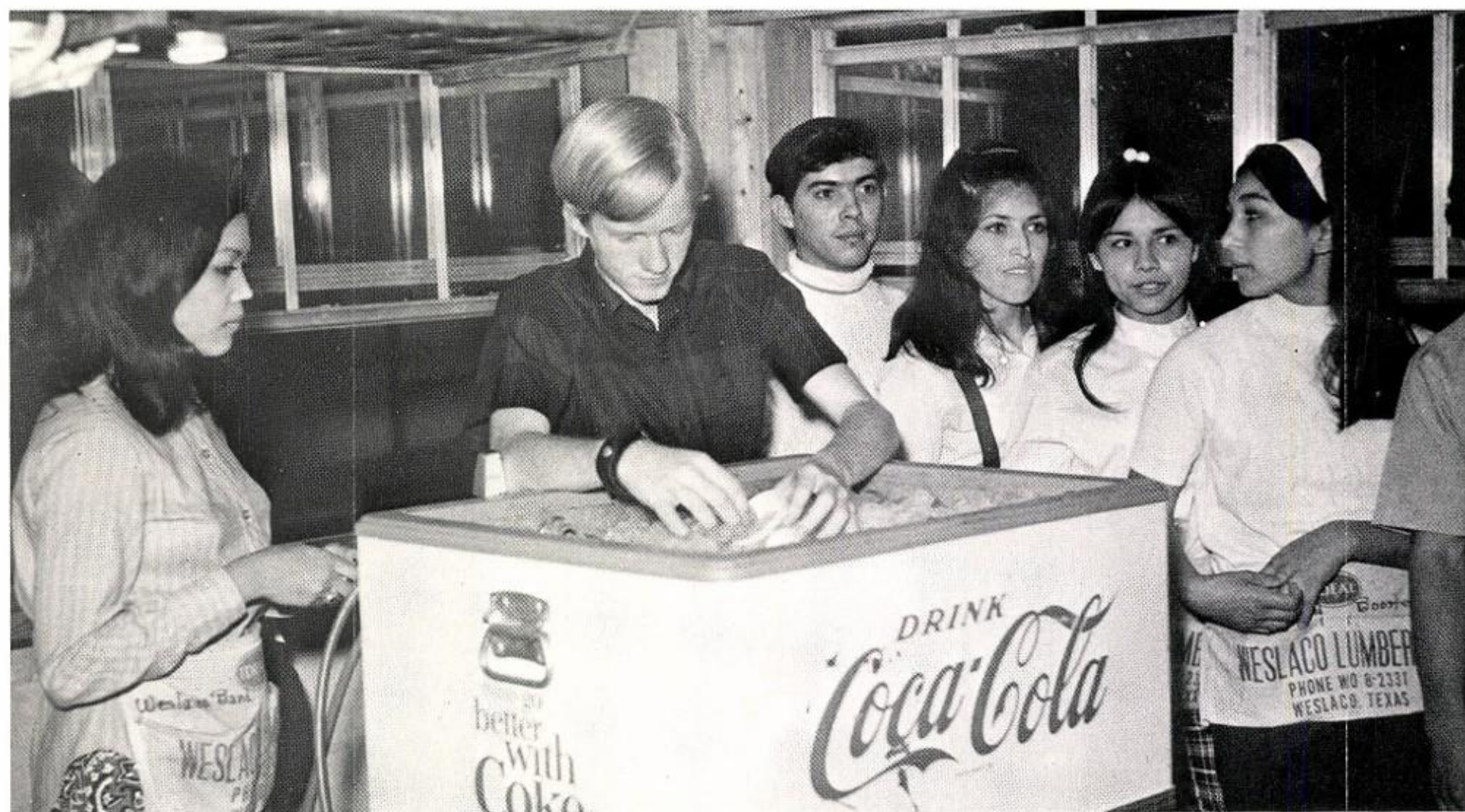


Liz Ann Henry, junior, helps decorate the PASF Christmas tree before the party during the holidays.



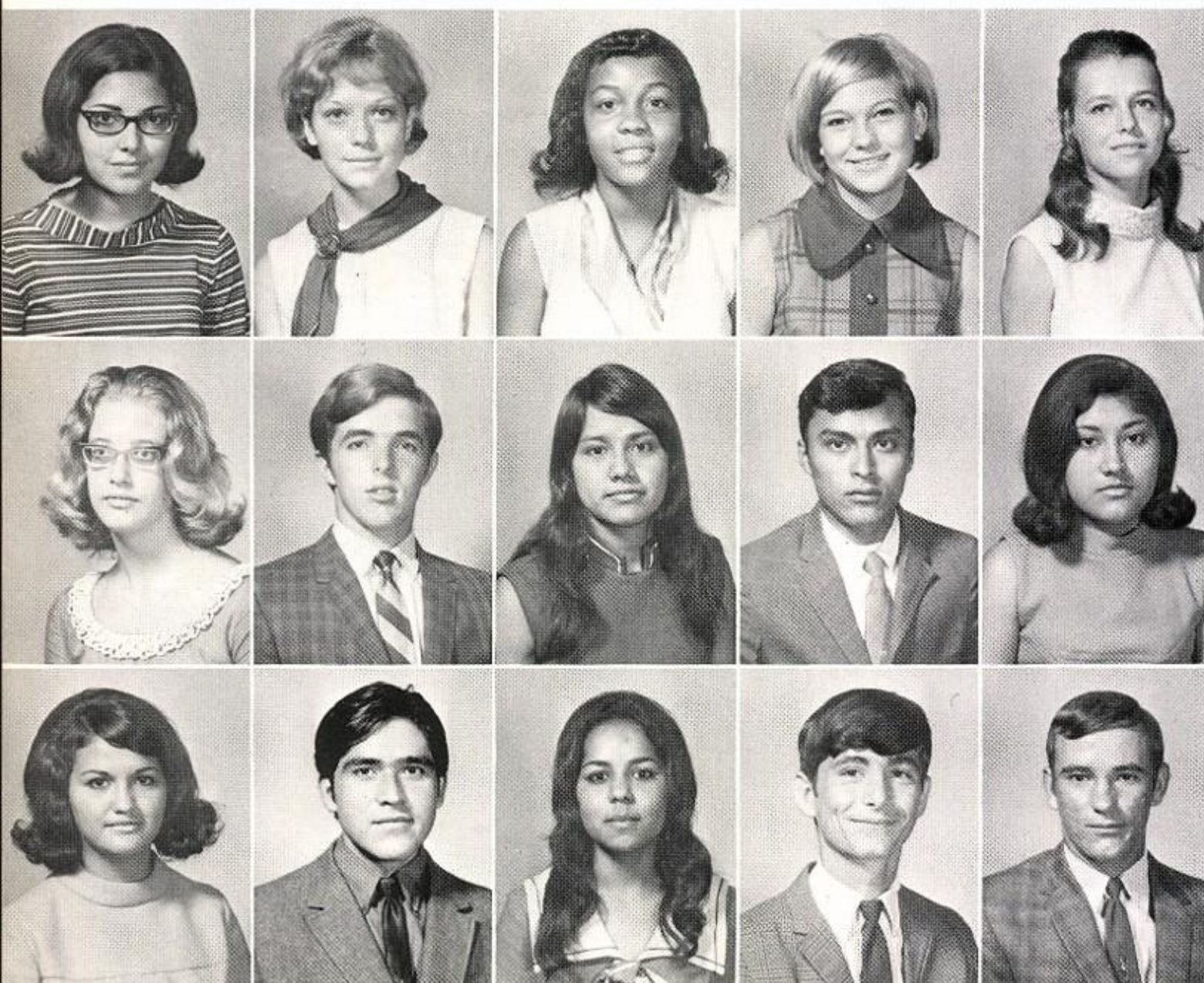
Helping sack popcorn in the concession stand are Ciro Garcia and Maricela Rodriguez.

Juniors Work at Stand During Games



Preparing drinks for the half time are juniors Anita Martinez, Robert Alexander, Robert Garza, Flora Estella Pena, Celia Lopez,

and Oneida Martinez. The junior class members operate the stand as a class project.

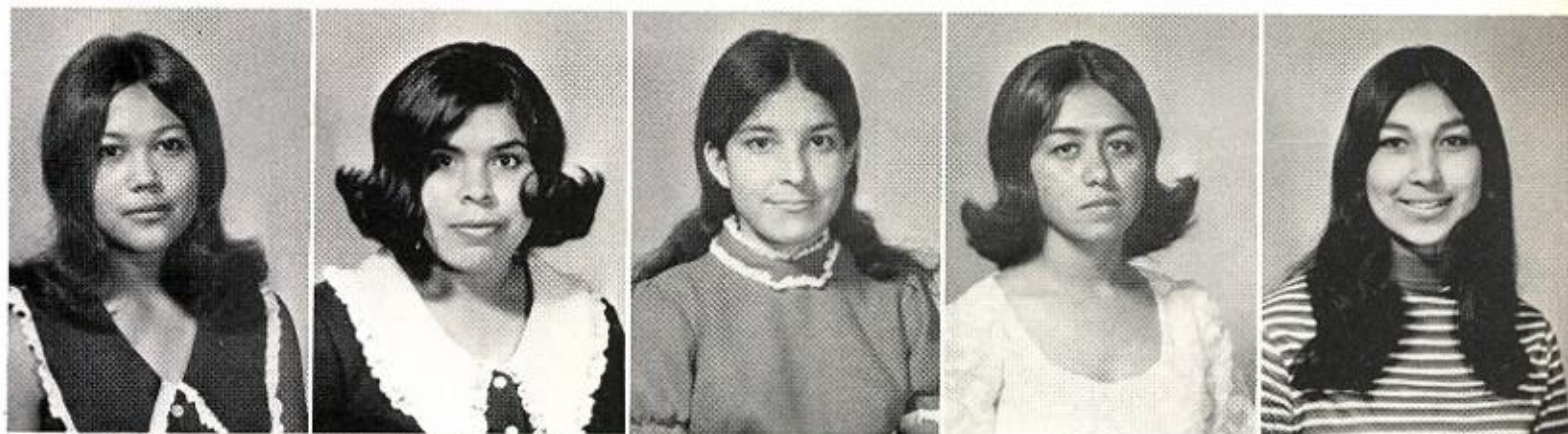


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Jones, Cindy
Jones, Jennifer
Keller, Linda
Kelly, Gail June

Koenig, Pam
Leamer, Keith
Lopez, Celia
Lopez, Guillermo
Lopez, Victoria

Lozano, Estella
Maldonado, Juan
Maldonado, Maria Almanda
Maloy, Darrell
Marshall, Pete

Martinez, Anita
 Martinez, Mary
 Martinez, Mary Ellen
 Martinez, Olivia
 Martinez, Oneida



Mascorro, Adelmira
 Massey, Cleve
 Mattar, William J. (Bill)
 Mendez, Alma
 Mendez, Juanita



Molina, Mary Jane
 Molina, Melva Elia
 Montalvo, Hector
 Moore, Larry
 Mora, Elva



Moreno, Jose Angel (Joe)
 Morgan, Ralph Lyle
 Morrow, Rhett
 Nidever, Craig
 Oglevee, Charity



Ortiz, Martha
 Ozuna, Linda
 Padilla, Linda
 Padilla, Salvador
 Panzer, Kevin



Parker, Tommy
 Paz, Dora
 Paz, Juan Jose
 Pena, Adalberto
 Pena, Flor Estella





Pena, Nora Elva
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Perez, Mario
Perez, Armando R.
Perez, Carmen



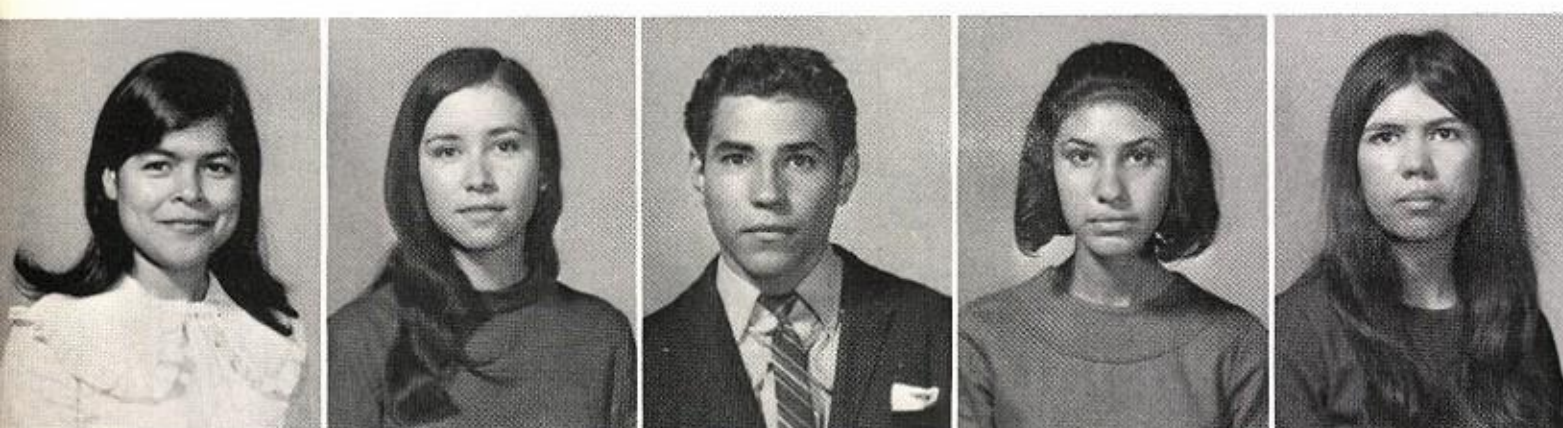
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Purl, David



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Rakestraw, Gary



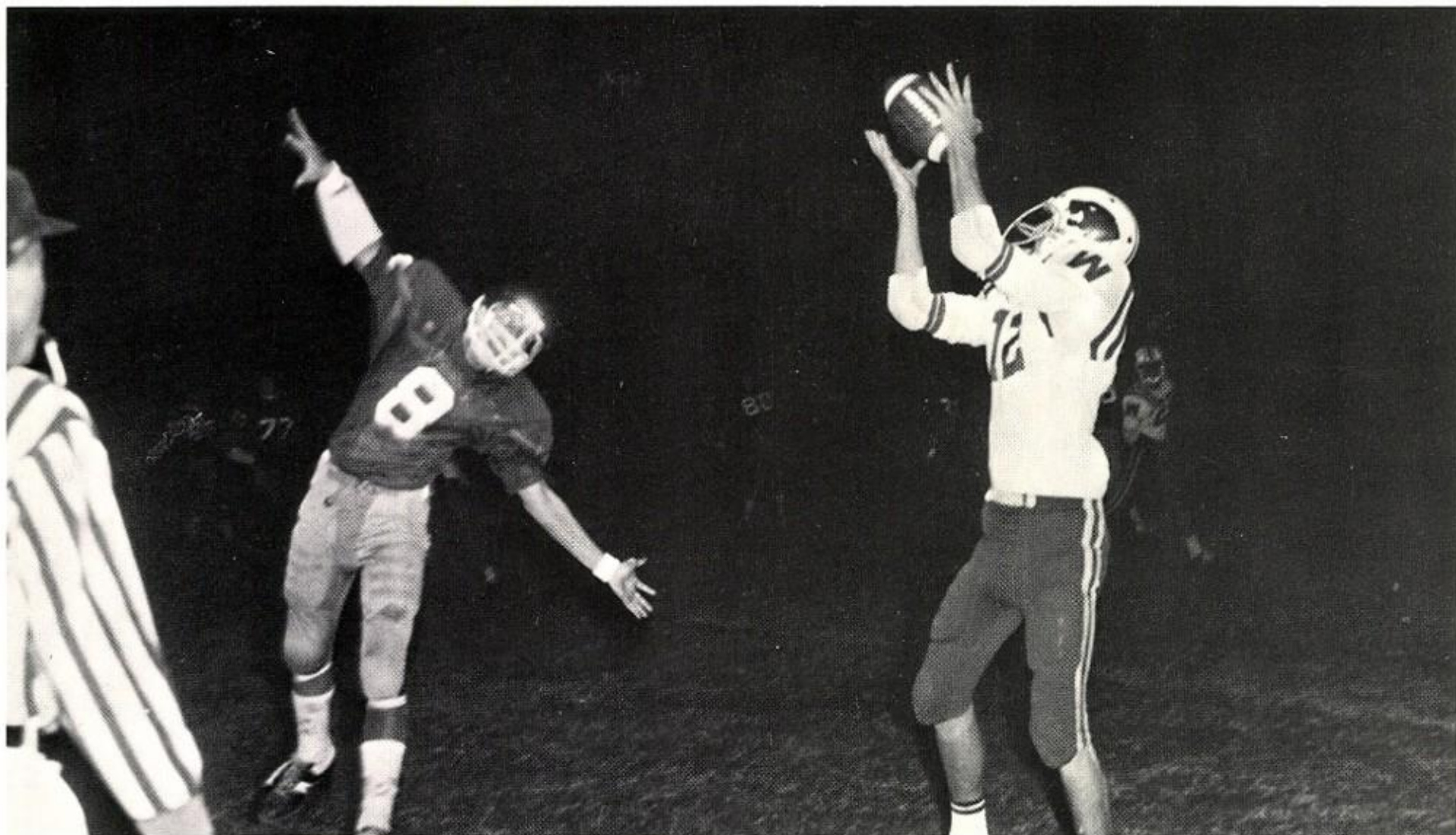
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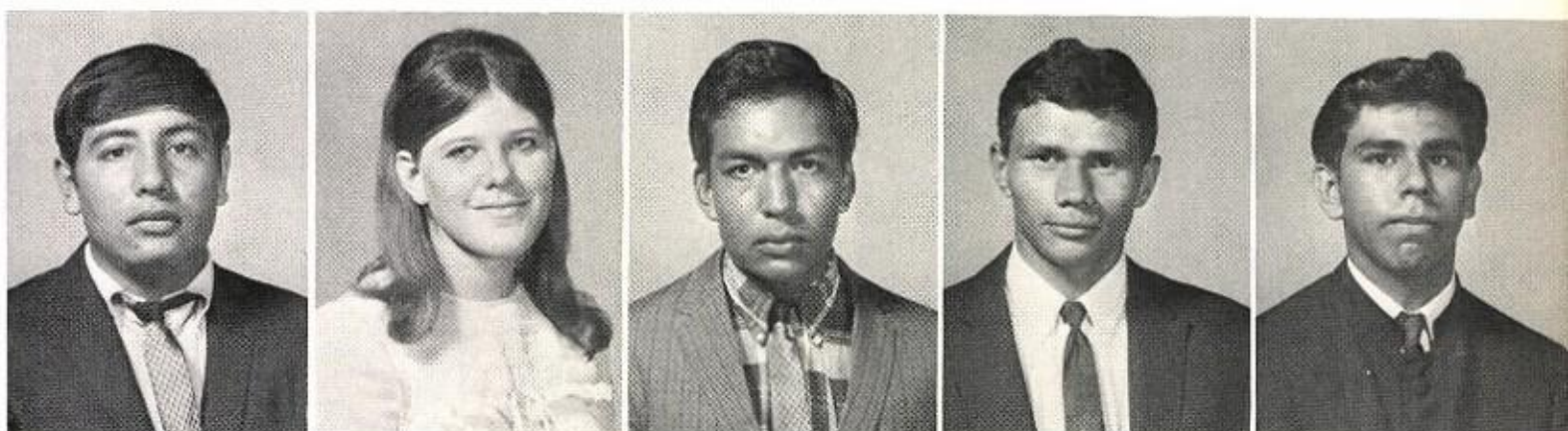


Rivera, Aida
Rivera, Diana
Roark, Anna Jamiece (Jamie)
Rodriguez, Esperanza
Rodriguez, Felix



Randy Talbert, junior, catches a pass and runs for a touchdown during the first few minutes of the Donna-Weslaco game. This game proved one of the highest points of season play as from this

point on Weslaco's hopes for district title multiplied game by game.



Rodriguez, Hector
Rogers, Evelyn
Ruiz, Lupe
Saenz, Eliborio
Saenz, Sylvestre



Salinas, Carlos
Salinas, Hector
Salinas, Oralia
Seils, Thomas Edward (Tommy)
Sepulveda, Robert



Sepulveda, Rosa
Sifuentes, Robert
Silva, Juanita
Silva, Juanita
Silva, Virginia

Juniors Help With Club Projects



Junior Terry Barbee helps Pan American Student Forum sponsor Mrs. Amparo Cardenas pack up the Christmas box of goods for

needy children. The Pan American Forum sent it off before Christmas.



Smith, Richard (Ricky)
Solis, Abel J.
Solis, Rosa Maria
Soto, Crispin
Stanford, Diane

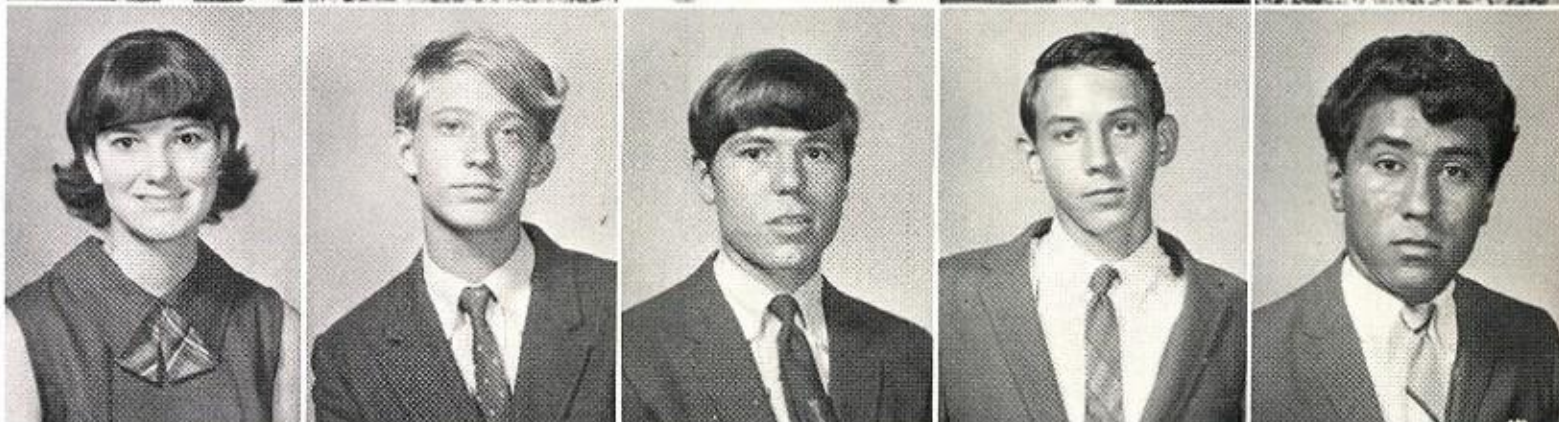
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Trevino, Robert
Updegraff, Mrs. Shirley Ann

Valdez, Yolanda
Valladares, Diana
Vargas, Celia
Vargas, Juanita
Vasquez, Abel

Veach, Doug
Verser, Debby
Villarreal, Maria
Villarreal, Reynaldo
Waddell, Debra



Waddell, Diana
Wilson, Chris
Weber, Richard (Dick)
Woodward, Charles Day
Ybarra, David



York,
Doug

Zuniga,
Linda



Before the car decorating contest, Noemi Garcia adds the finishing touches to her car. The contest was designed to raise spirit before the Donna football game. Pep Squad sponsored the event.

Sophomores - -

Alanis, Elida
Alejandro, Erlinda
Allen, Noble Curtis
Almaraz, George
Alvarez, Francisca

Anderson, Donald
Aparicio, Arnaldo
Arce, Sylvia
Arredondo, Marvie
Avalos, Angelica

Ayala, Juan
Baez, Imelda
Barbee, Susan
Barker, Thomas
Bautista, Gloria

Bautista, Janie
Bell, Vicki Lynn
Bellard, Kathleen
Benavidez, Frank
Benitez, Luis

Blair, Peter Phil
Blanco, Frances
Bletch, Lloyd
Brinson, Mike
Briones, Connie

Bryant, George Clark
Bulness, Henry
Bunger, Richard (Ricky)
Burkett, Brenda
Burton, Tina Mary



Joining various WHS organizations is always an activity for sophomores. Here, Janet Lansford, Trice Sherry, Sylvia Garcia, and Gwenyth Thompson show one procedure sophomores go

through to become members of Y-Teens. This group is a service organization for girls on campus. Activities include the March of Dimes, several parties, and a number of service projects.

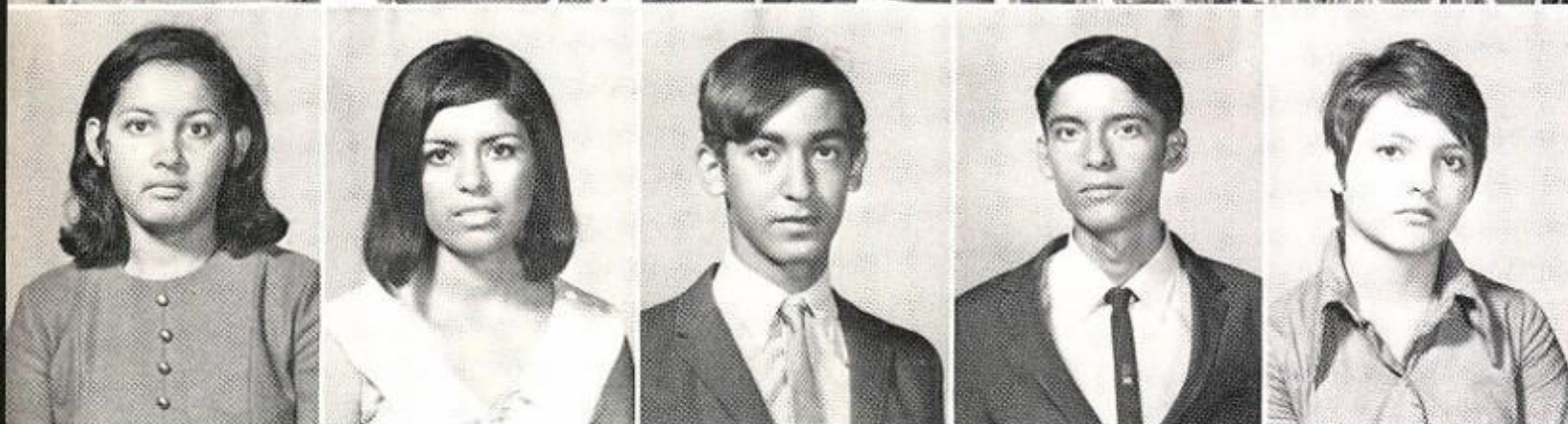
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Cantu, Richard
Cantu, Roberto, Jr.



Cardenas, Delia
Carrion, Maria Belen
Casarez, Mike
Casarez, Patsy
Casas, Dora



Castaneda, Lucinda
Castillo, Aide
Castro, Lionel
Chapa, Arturo
Chapa, Guadalupe



Chapa, Noemi
Clay, Robert
Colvin, Randy
Contreras, Maria C.
Contreras, Mary G.



Contrerax, Janie
Cortez, Gloria
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Covacevich, Anthony



Cruz, Gilbrert
Cruz, Roy J.
Cuellar, Amanda
Cuellar, Lionso
Cuellar, Ruben

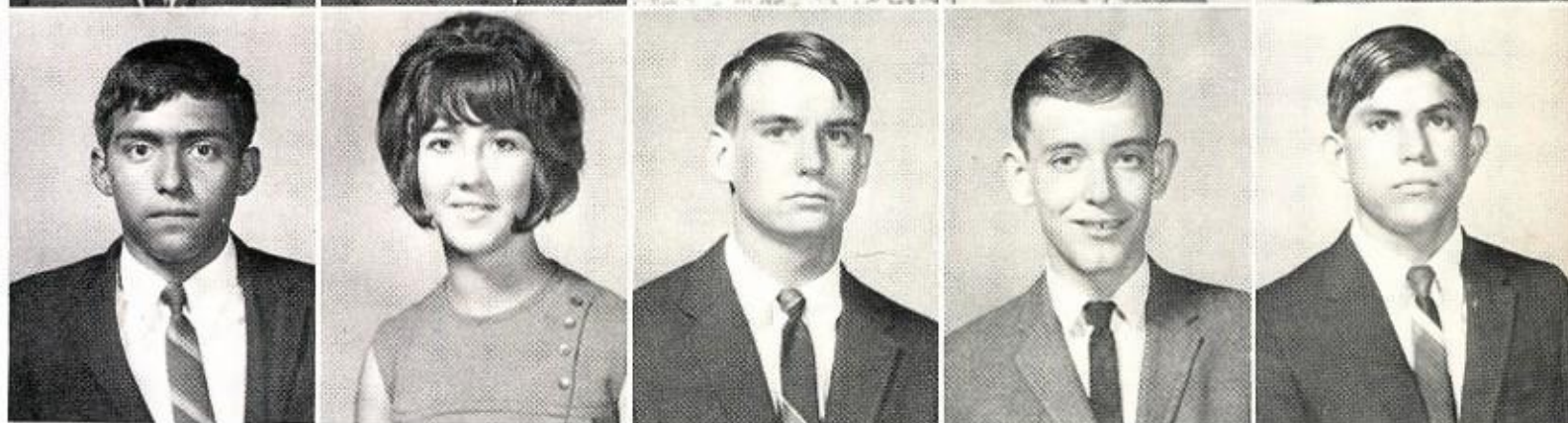


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Davis, Alan
de la Fuente, Elizabeth
de la Pena, Rosalinda
De la Rosa, Dolores

de la Rosa, Federico
de Leon, George Luis
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Del Toro, Eva



Desiga, Fidel Augustine
Dickerson, Belinda
Donalson, Paul
Engle, Richard
Escalon, Joe



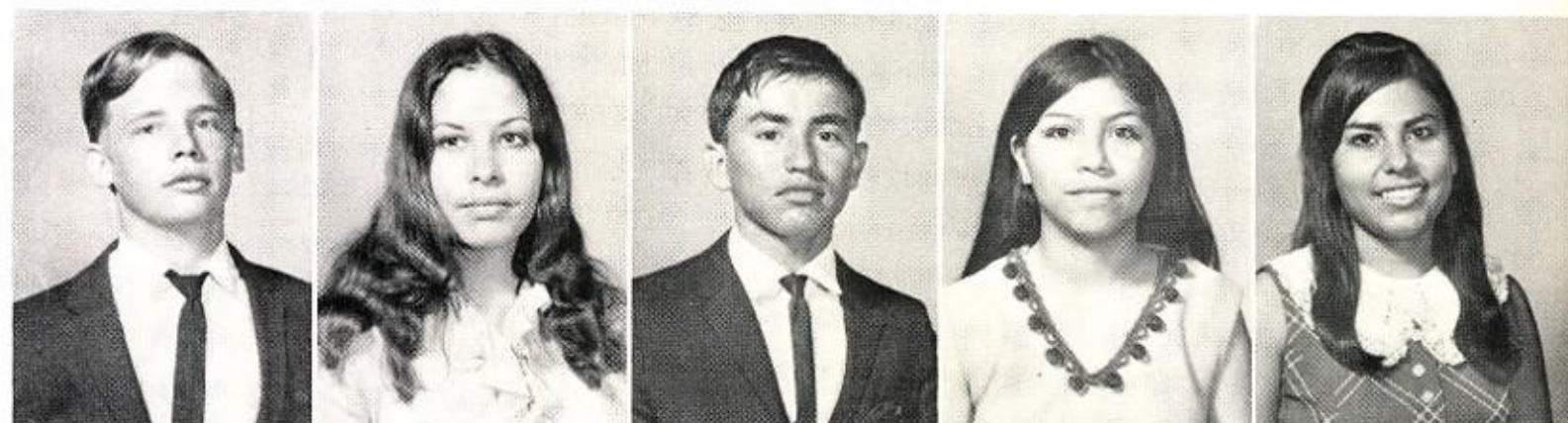
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Esparza, Florio
Espinoza, Diana
Etter, Barbara
Flores, Lydia



Flores, Rosalinda
Flowers, Donald
Foster, Debra
Fox, Dorothy
Franklin, Thomas (Tom)



Gallagher, Chris
Galvan, Herminia
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Gamez, Herlinda
Garcia, Benilde



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Garcia, Mary
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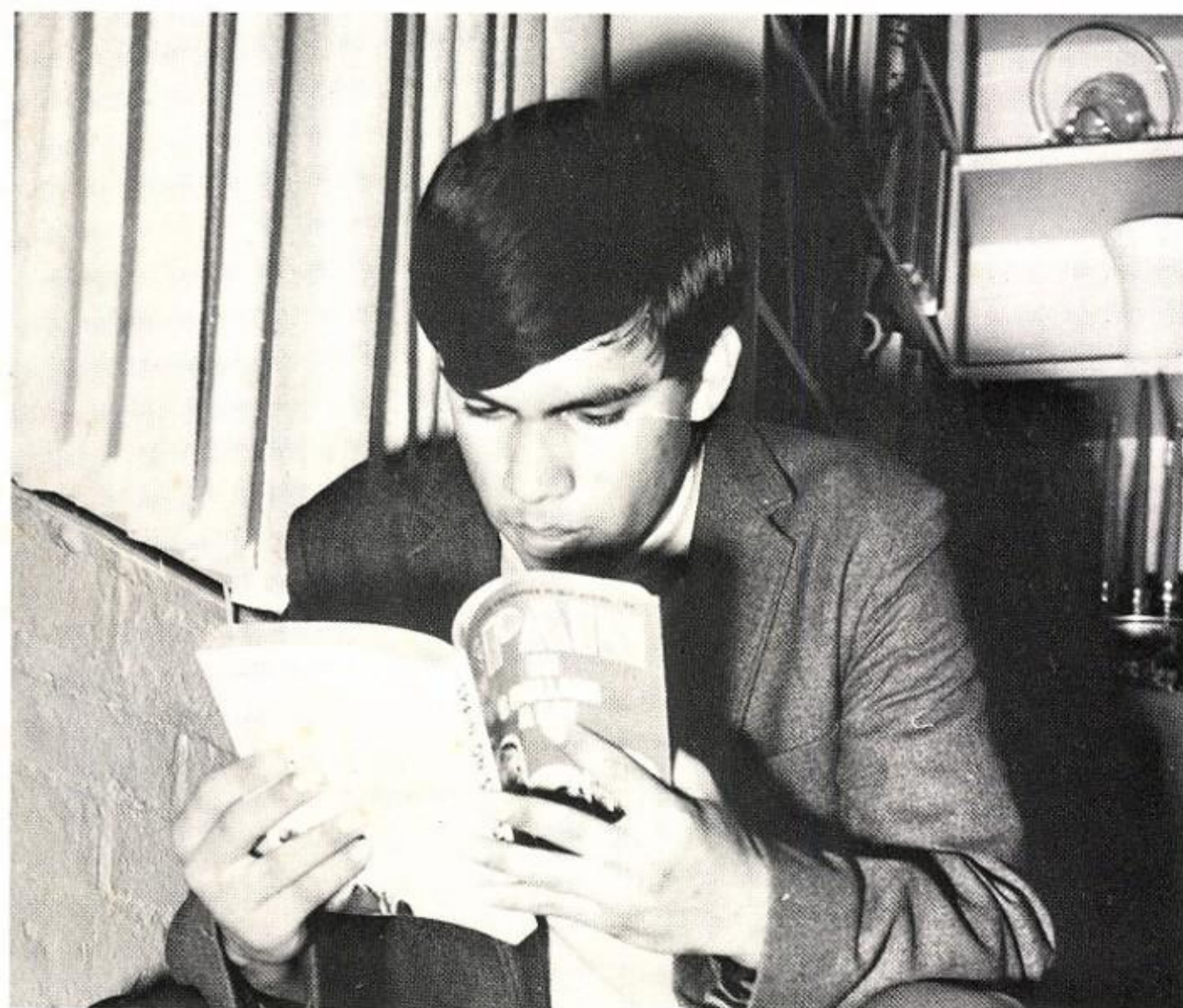
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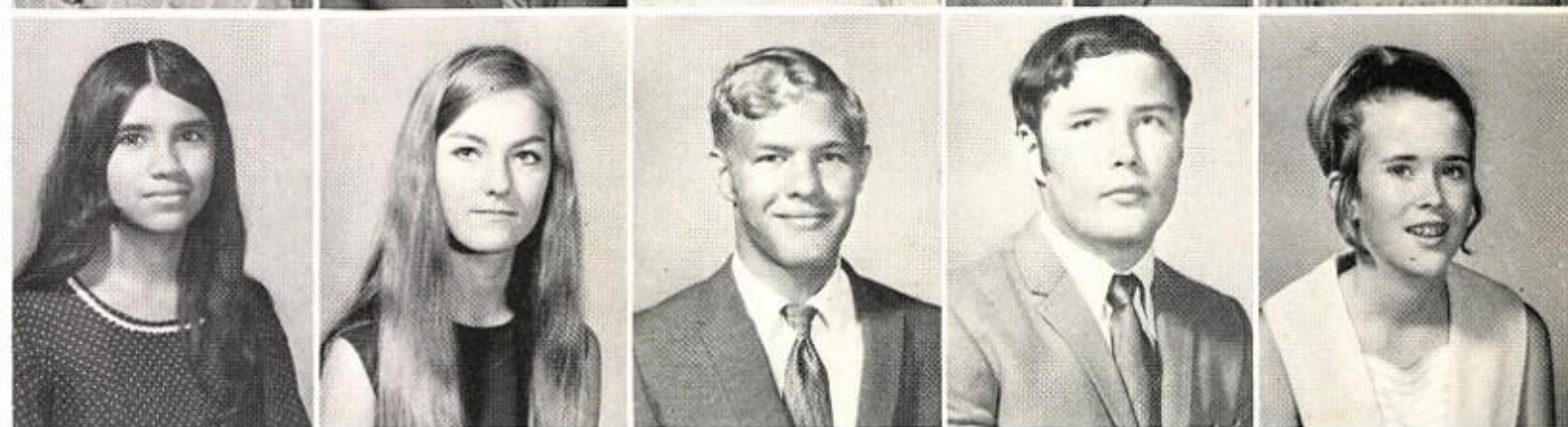
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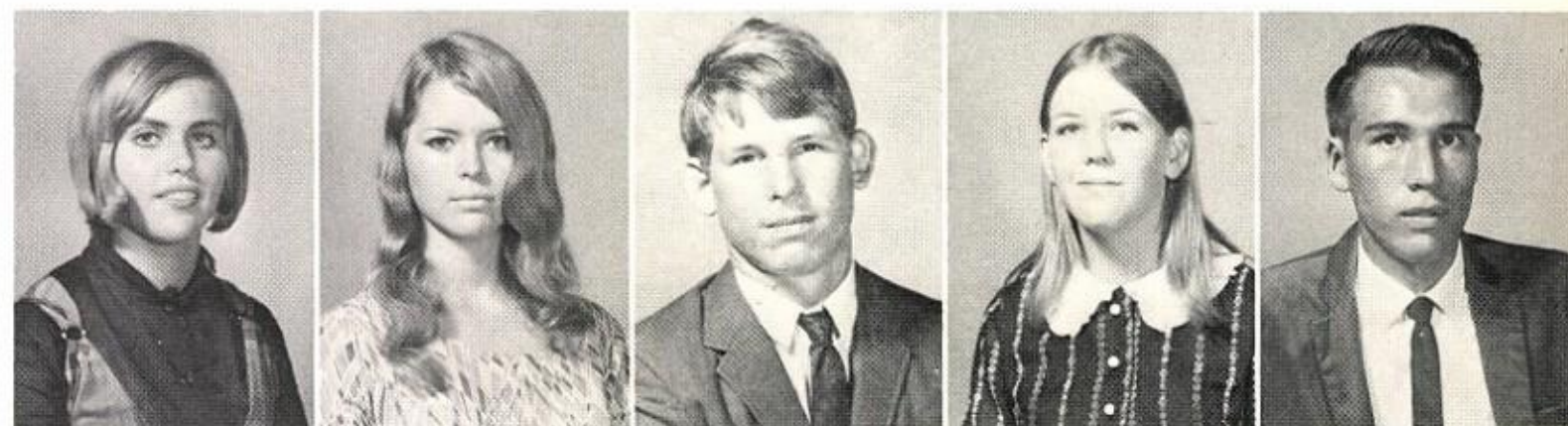
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Exams Mean Study For Underclassmen



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Lopez, Gilberta
Lopez, Irma
Lopez, Javier



Lopez, Lesvia
Lopez, Minerva
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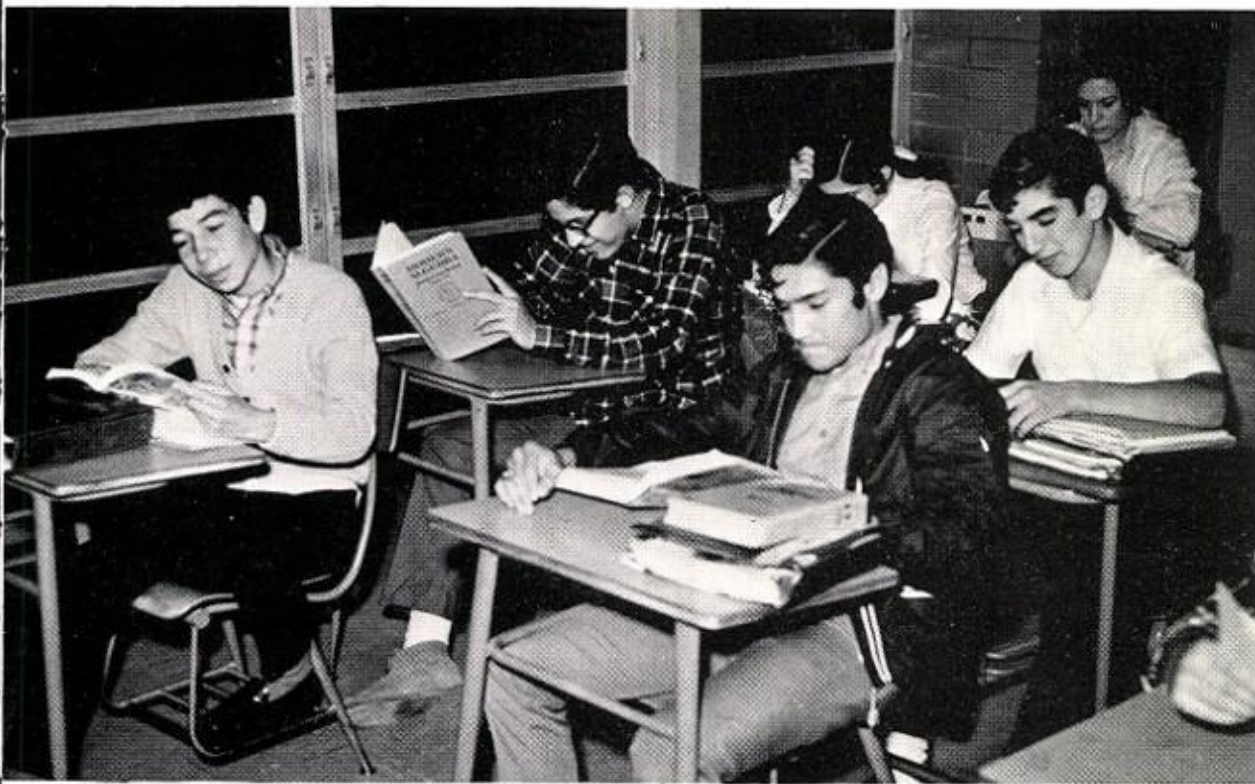
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Martinez, Maxine
Mata, Juan



Mattar, Nelson
Medrano, Felipa
Medrano, Olivia
Mena, Maria
Mena, Ofelia



Studying extra hard for tedious mid-term exams are sophomore English II students Humberto Alvarez, Luis Benitez, Kathy Zurlo, Vicki Bell, Rafael Cantu, and Zeke Reyna.

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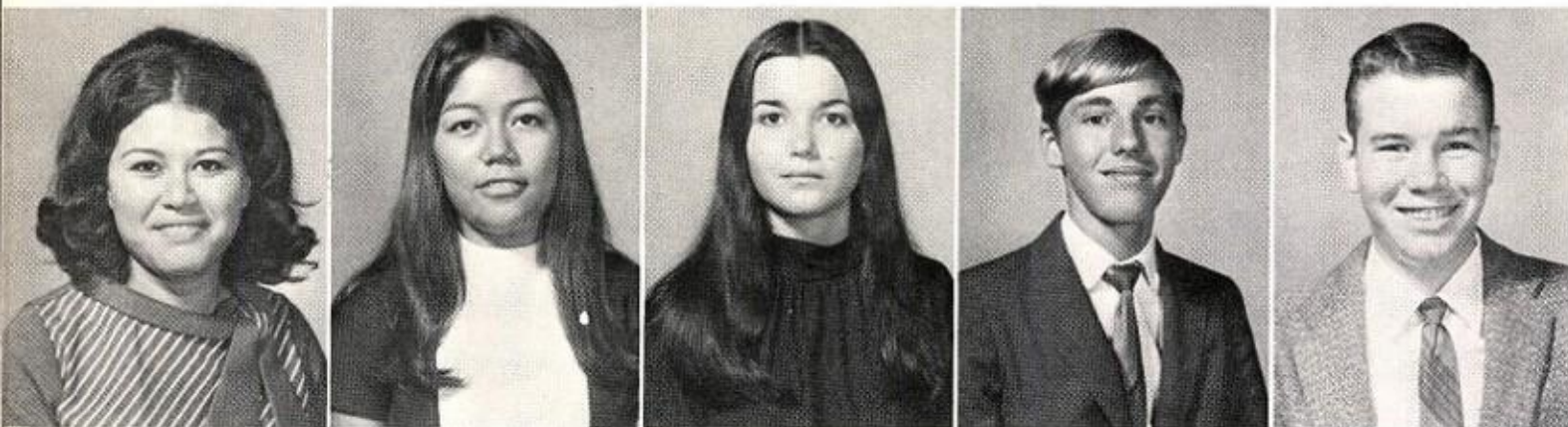


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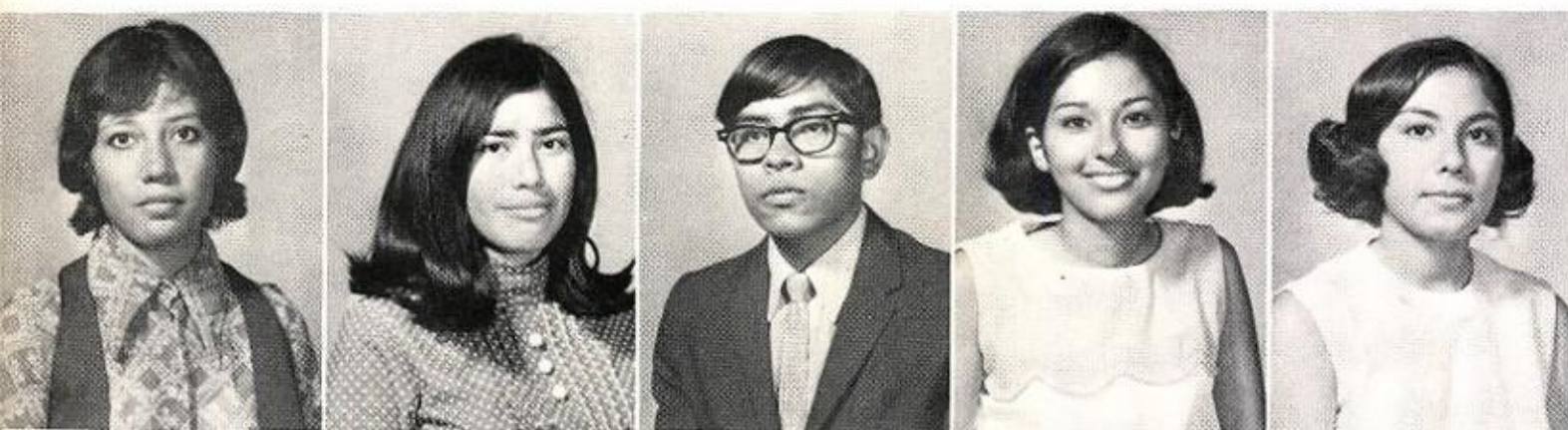




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Ramirez, Adelinda



Ramirez, Maria
Ramirez, Noelia
Ramirez, Richard
Ramon, Nelda
Ramos, Elda



Ramos, Jose
Reyes, Eden
Reyna, Esequiel
Reynoso, Mary
Richaud, Gayle



Rico, Noe
Rios, Criselda
Rios, Jose (Joe)
Rios, Natalia
Rivera, Amalia



Rivera, Hilda
Rivera, Juanita
Rockwell, Valerie
Rodriguez, Librada (Loly)
Rodriguez, Maria E. (Molly)

Rodriguez, Maricela
Rodriguez, Norma
Rodriguez, Odelia
Rodriguez, Rachel
Rogers, Debby



Roque, Juan
Rosas, Sylvia
Ruiz, Oscar
Salas, Sylvia
Salazar, Ana Maria



Saldana, Samuel
Salinas, Juanita
Sanchez, Janie
Sanchez, Olivia
San Roman, Francisco



Scarborough, Terry
Schill, Lee
Seguro, Sylvia
Sepulveda, Janie
Serna, Raquel



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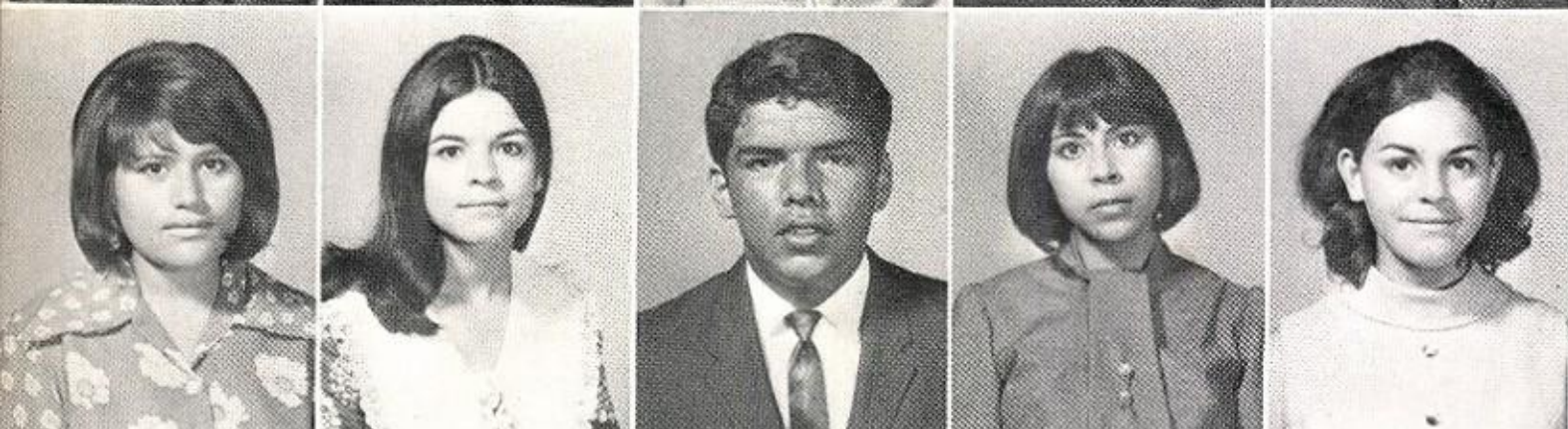
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Valdez, Irene
Valdez, Olivia



Valdez, Roy
Vargas, Jose
Vargas, Margie
Vargas, Robert
Vasquez, Carlos



Vasquez, Lupita
Vasquez, Yolanda
Vela, Thomas
Vera, Rosalinda
Verdin, Maricela



Villarreal, Belinda
Villarreal, Blanca
Villarreal, Hilda
Villarreal, Marcelo
Walker, Ann



Warden, Shawn
Warren, Mrs. Carol
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Woods, Nora

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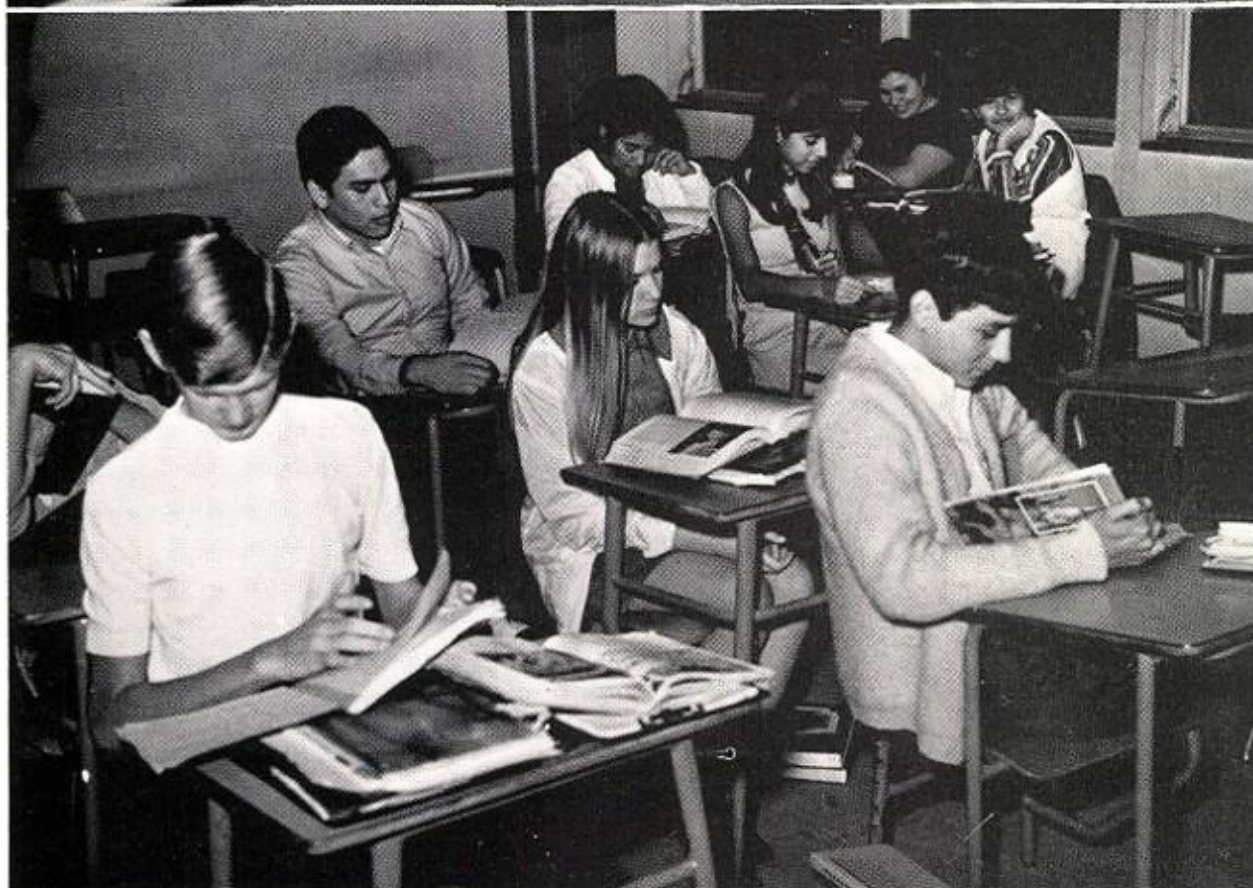


Zepeda, Ercilia
Zurlo, Kathy



Top: Demonstrating the serious side of school is sophomore, Lydia Flores.
Bottom: Utilizing their time for studying are sophomores Bobby Pratt, Carlos

Vasquez, Gwenyth Thompson, Joe Silva, Mary Latigo, Susie Trevino, Molly Rodriguez, and Adalia Ortiz.



Freshmen in on Holiday Fun



Being entertained by Santa Claus, played by John Bohmfalk, at a PASF Christmas party are freshmen Martha Steger and

Vicki Glace. Many students participated in the many activities that occurred during the holidays.



Freshmen - -

Aguilar, Aurelio
Aguirre, Gracie
Alaniz, Diana
Alejandro, Raul
Almanza, Teresa

Anderson, Virginia
Arce, Adalia
Arce, Raul Jr.
Avalos, Dalia
Avila, Maria de la Luz

Ayala, Thomas
Balderas, Frances
Balli, John Joe
Barajas, Sylvia
Barnett, Cheryl Lynn

Bazaldua, Leticia
 Bazan, Carmen
 Bazan, Sylvia
 Becerra, Roy
 Blair, John



Bookout, Janice
 Borjas, Gregoria
 Briones, Juan
 Briones, Margarita
 Benitez, David



Beltran, Yolanda
 Bryant, Connie
 Buenrostro, Anna
 Bulnes, Theresa
 Bustos, San Juanita



Cacerez, Clara
 Cacerez, Velma
 Cadena, Librada
 Callaway, Leta
 Cano, Sylvia



Cantu, Belinda
 Cantu, Dora
 Cantu, Elida
 Cantu, Elizabeth
 Cantu, Ernesto



Cantu, Magda
 Cantu, Rosa Hilda
 Cantu, Yolanda
 Cardenas, Gloria
 Cardenas, Luisa





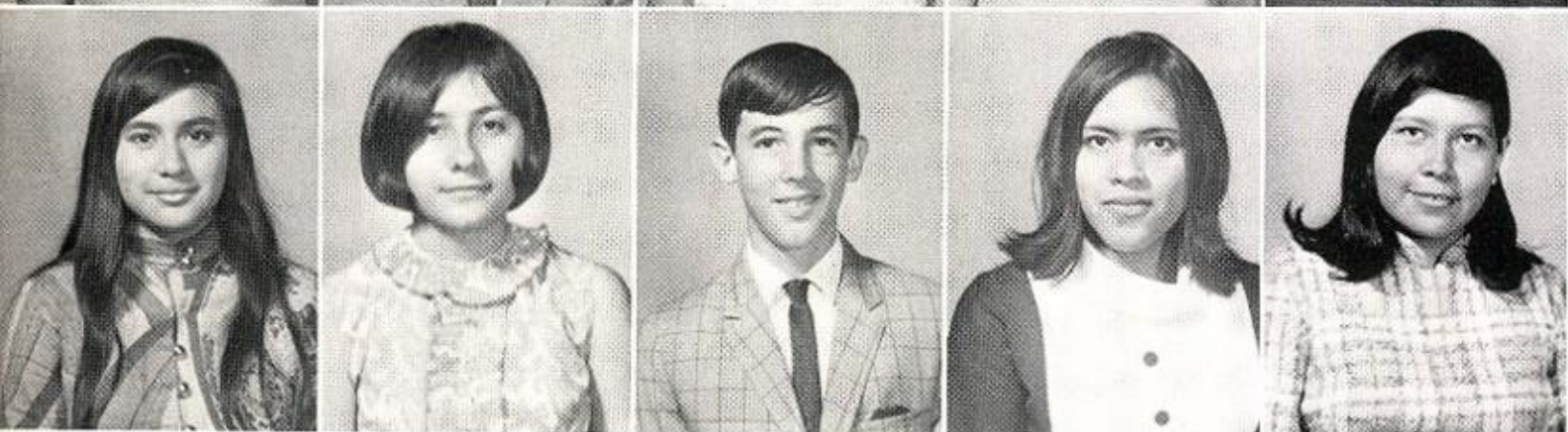
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Cavazos, Amelia



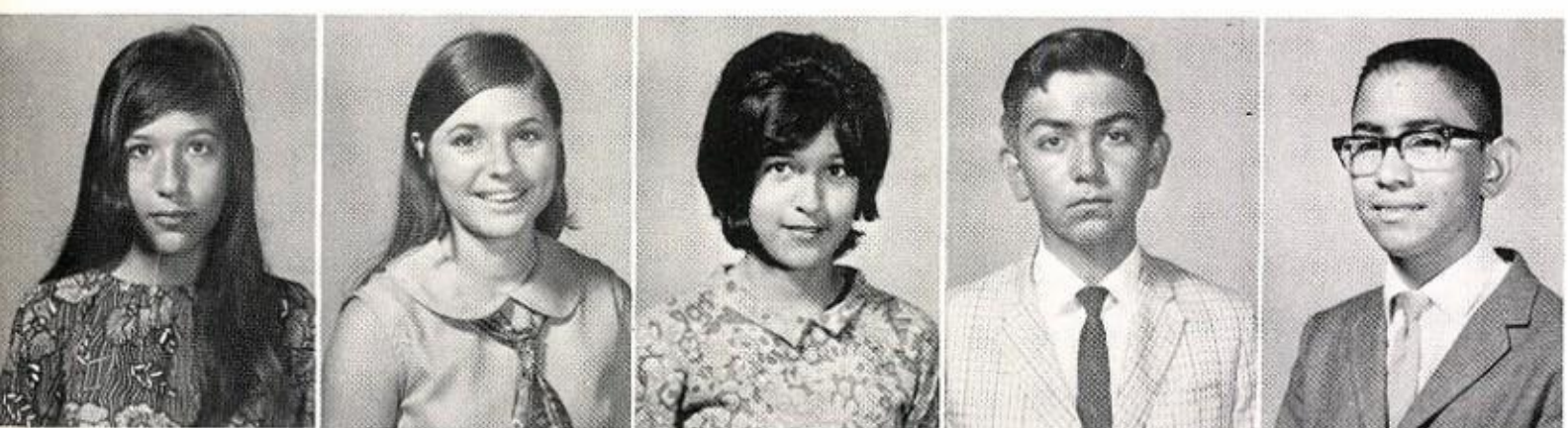
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Cerda, Julia
Charles, Manuel



Chavez, Blanca
Clemons, Gary
Cisneros, Aida
Coronado, Alicia
Cortez, Eustacio



Cortez, Nora
Covacevich, Sandy
Crist, Eddie
Cruz, Yolanda
Cuellar, Estella



Cuellar, Noellias
Cuellar, Nora
Cuellar, Norma Lee
Cuellar, Oscar
Davis, David



de la Cruz, Robert
de la Rosa, Estella
de la Rosa, Rachel
de Leon, Irene
Delgado, Marta

Delgado, Ruben
de Los Santos, Berta
de Los Santos, Mary
del Toro, Jose H.
del Toro, Minerva



Diaz, Mary
Dickerson, Barry
Eoff, Cindy
Escalon, Elva
Escamilla, Isidro



Escobar, Minerva
Esparza, Lupita
Etter, Phyllis
Flores, Aurelio
Flores, Alberto



Flores, Linda
Ford, James
Fortenberry, Jeanette
Galva, Rafaela
Gamez, Yolanda



Garcia, Carlos
Garcia, Esperanza
Garica, Gloria
Garcia, Hector
Garcia, Johnny



Garcia, Juanita
Garcia, Julia
Garcia, Martha
Garcia, Nedra
Garcia, Rosalinda





Garcia, Teresa
Garcia, Tina
Garcia, Yolanda
Garnet, Linda
Garrett, Roy Dale



Garza, Amelia
Garza, Elizabeth
Garza, Isabel
Garza, Jaime
Garza, Janie



Gonzalez, Andrea
Gonzalez, Maggie
Gonzalez, Maria Isabel
Gonzalez, Mary
Gorham, Robert



Gossett, Wayne
Gracia, Alberto
Gray, Russell
Green, John
Grimaldo, Samuel



Guzman, Viola
Hales, Jack
Harrison, Lola Jean
Heck, David
Hernandez, Frances



Hernandez, Josephine
Hernandez, Mary
Hernandez, Noelia
Hernandez, Roberto
Herrera, George

Hinners, Bob
Hobart, Evon
Holly, Sallie
Houser, Patsy
Ishmael, Rohn



Jones, Candace (Candy)
Jones, Steven
Kelly, Kathie Jo
King, Laural
Koester, Jack



Lacy, Sandra
Lancaster, Kermit
Lansford, Barbara
Leal, Belinda
Lozano, Leoncio



Lopez, Federico
Lopez, Louis



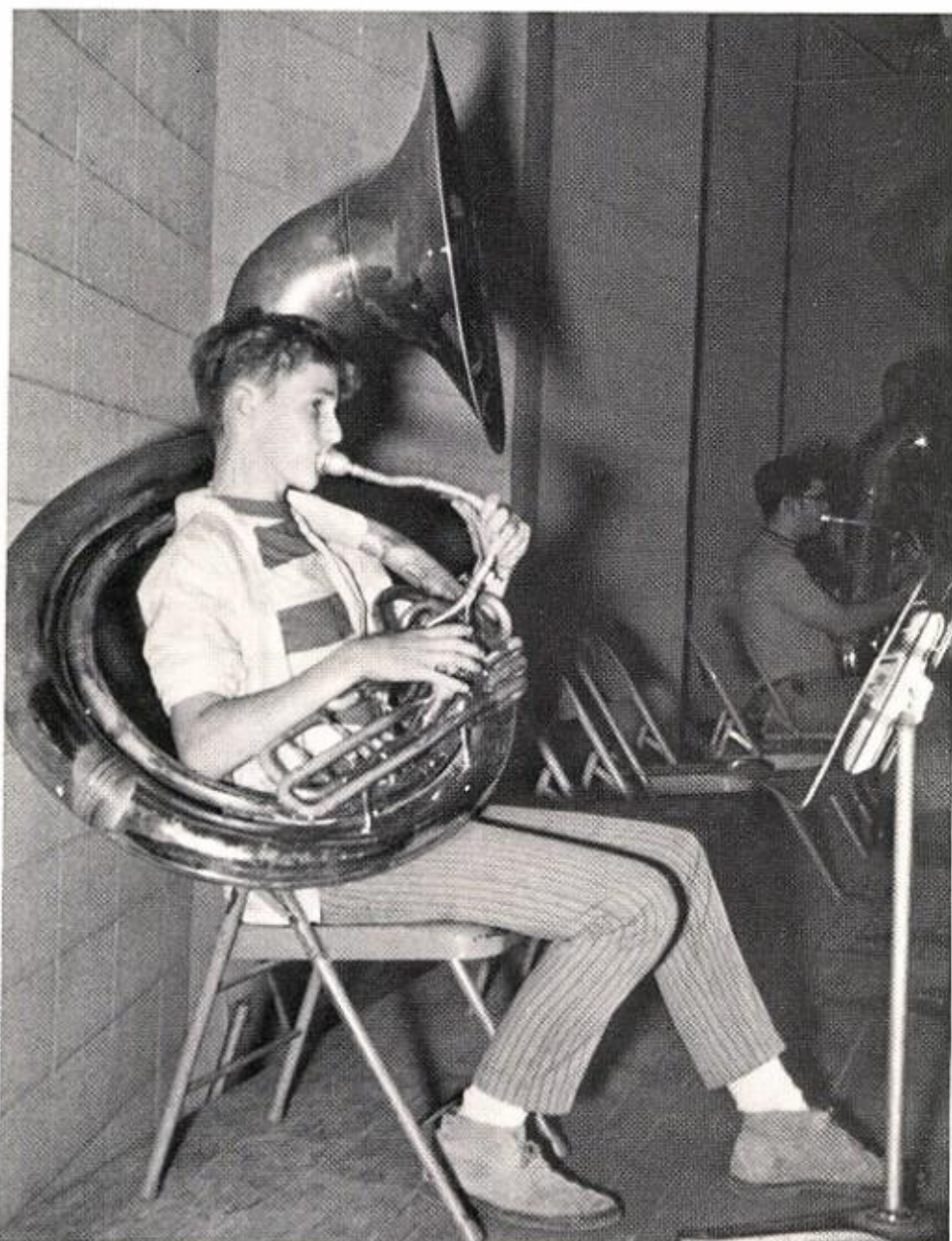
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Lozano, Elsa



Luera,
Emma



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Neal Massey practices his tuba preparing for the May band trip to Six Flags Over Texas. The group won top rating there.



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Luna, Juvenal
McDaniel, David
Magana, Lilie
Maldonado, Rosalinda



Maldonado, Veatriz
Maldonado, Velma
Marin, Gonzalo
Marquez, Maria del Refugio
Marroquin, Aminda



Martin, Glen
Martinez, Dilia
Martinez, Elma
Martinez, Frances
Martinez, Gilda



Martinez, Grace
Martinez, Leticia
Mascorro, Adelfia
Massey, Neal Lewis
Mata, Juanita



Medina, Graciela
Medrano, Domingo
Medrano, Elida
Medrano, Margarita
Medrano, Oralia



Melendez, Frances
Mena, Gloria
Meza, Mary
Millhollen, Susan
Miranda, Juana



Taking advantage of WHS library facilities are freshmen Kathy Morgan, Rosalinda Marquez, and Carolyn Plank. Many students

spend their independent study periods reading books and magazines available in the library.

Molina, Belia
Molina, Joe
Molina, Margarita
Molina, Rosalinda
Montes, Teresa



Moore, Andy
Mora, Elias
Morales, Nelda
Morgan, Kathy
Mundell, Laura



Myers, Pamela
Nichols, Wayne William
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Ortega, Livia
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Ozuna, Hilda





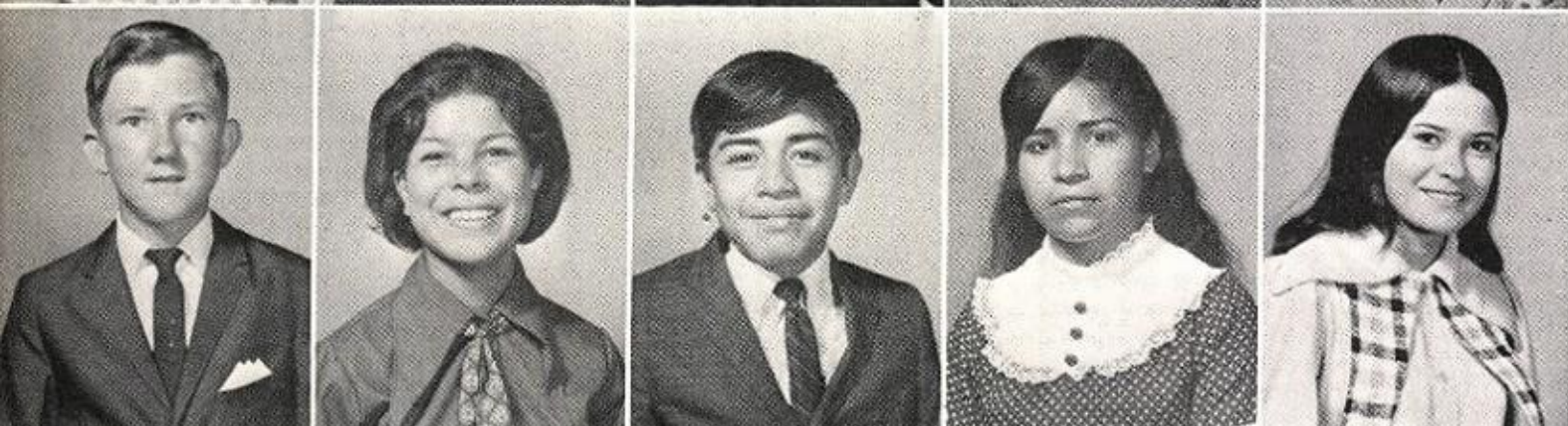
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Perez, Irene



Perez, Maria
Perkins, Kenneth
Pineda, Linda
Plank, Carolyn
Polvado, Terry



Purl, Terry
Quintero, Alma
Ramirez, Armando
Ramirez, Carmen
Ramos, Noelia



Ramos, Refino
Ramos, Rosario
Randolph, Nancy
Rangel, Filomeno
Reyes, Enrique



Reyes, Nicolasa
Reyes, Yolanda
Rios, Consuelo
Rios, Delia
Rios, Gloria

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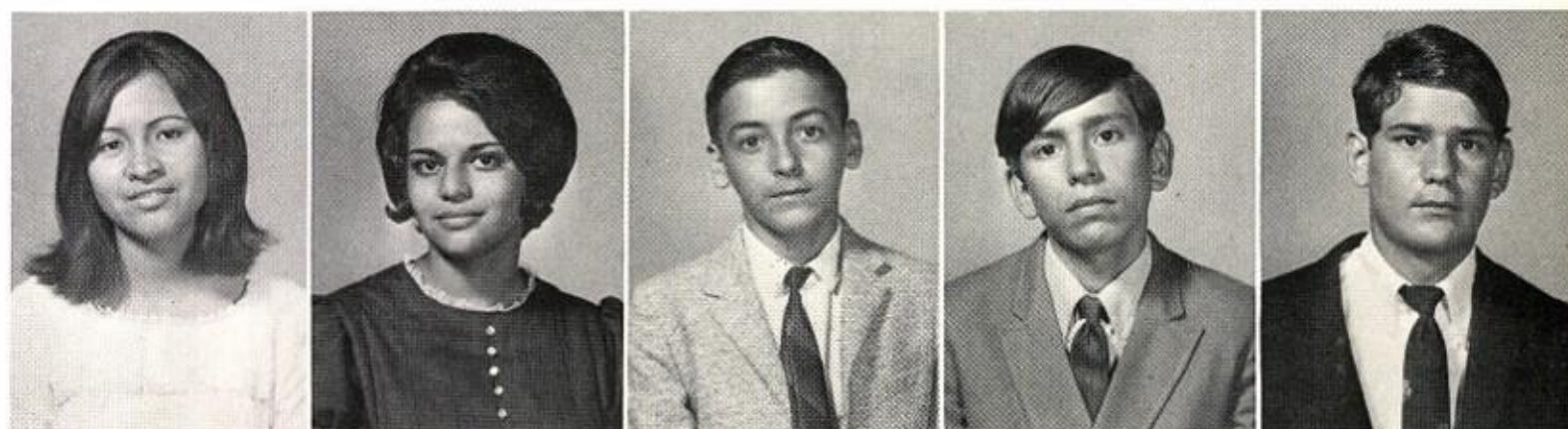
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 Salinas, Lydia



Saucedo, Theresa
 Segura, Irma
 Sepulveda, Ricky
 Silva, Baldimar
 Silva, Israel (Buddy)



Silva, Jose Juan
 Soto, Juanita
 Suarez, Diana
 Steger, Martha
 Thormablen, Sandra





Tevan, Jose
Tofallo, Armando
Torres, Jesse
Torres, Robert
Trejo, Irma



Trevino, Cristela
Trevino, Susie
Tullis, Arthur
Valdez, Jose
Valdez, Maria



Valerio, Carmelia
Vance, Beth
Vargas, Isabel
Vargas, Juana
Vasquez, Elva



Vasquez, Guadalupe
Vasquez, Laura
Vasquez, Rosalinda
Vega, Eusebia
Vela, Jose



Weighing the crucible on a scale are juniors Jamie Roark and Martha Ortiz. The experiment determined the amount of oxygen
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given off by heating a crucible.

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Villa, Ida
Villalando, Raul
Villarreal, Estella



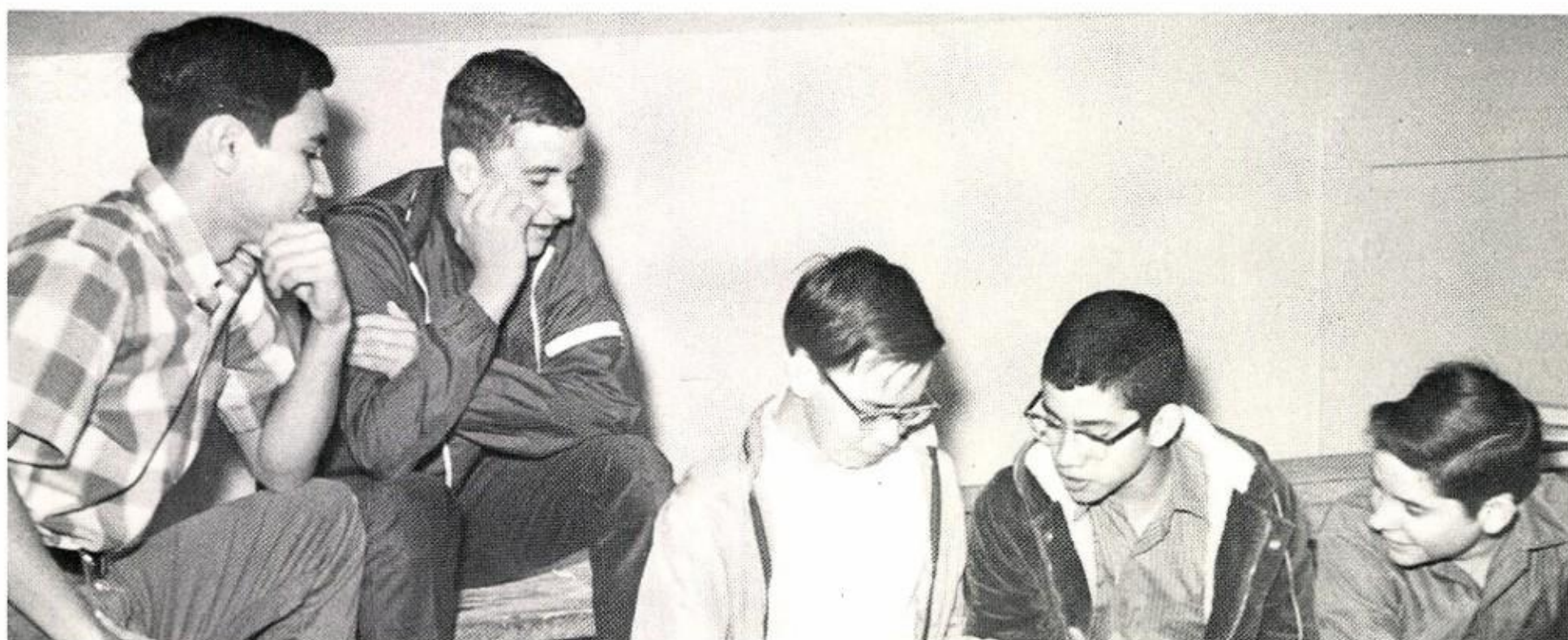
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Wolfe, Dorothy (Dottie)
Zamarrion, Agustin
Zambrano, Odel
Zavala, Ludy



Zavala, Maria M.
Zepeda, Diana



Discussing the "cracker theory" are freshmen Ray Izaguirre, Glen Martin, Juan Balli, and Roy Garrett as they watch Terry Polvado

(middle) open a packet of cookies. There is always a crowd around when food is concerned.

Academics - -

1969-70 was the beginning of new policies, courses, class schedules, and programs.

The eight period day, where students have either of two designated lunch periods was initiated, and open campus was continued. Students enjoyed the freedom of independent study periods by studying in the library, visiting with each other in the study lounge, or "goofing off" away from campus. Some had 7:30 a.m. classes, leaving school for the day at 12:30 p.m., and still others came at 10:30 a.m. and left at 3:30 p.m.

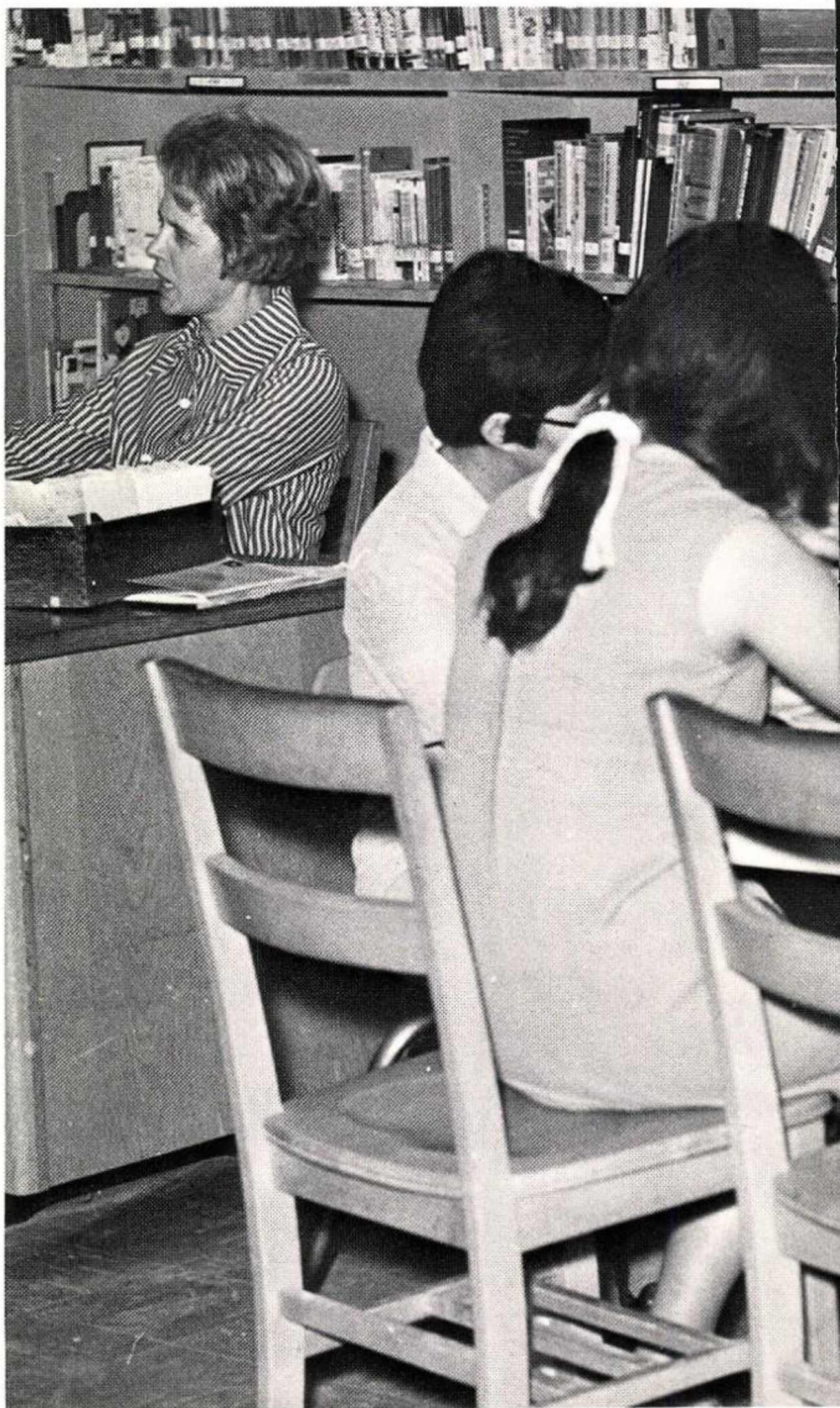
Vocational School formally merged with high school, and the coordinated vocational academic education program, designed for students learning a trade in addition to attending regular classes, was brought to WHS.

Also, for the first time, students enrolled in physical education participated in swimming classes, and a tumbling team was also organized.

At the end of the year, an estimated 7000 books, with 300 of these purchased this year, including Spanish-English dictionaries, almanacs, medical dictionaries, and several sets of reference books were available for student use from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Instructional aids, including film strips, newspapers, and overhead projectors, were purchased to supplement textbooks. Also, teachers aides spent many hours duplicating materials for the department.

All these changes prepared WHS for officially becoming a AAAA high school in 1970-71.





Policy Changes, Fresh Ideas Roll In With Decade



Mrs. Mildred Cowley, assistant principal



J. D. Frost, assistant principal



George Morley, assistant principal
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Charged with the responsibility for the activities within the school district is Superintendent Otto Longlois, new this year. Challenges this year include building needs, curriculum upgrading, two campus fires and policy decisions concerning a few dissidents.



Secretaries Mrs. Paulette Harbison and Mrs. Sue Farquhar keep records straight and attend to other secretarial work in the high school office.



Board members Domingo Sepulveda, president Morris Knowles, Neil Chandler, Mrs. Antonio Elizondo, Jose Ybarra, and Bobby

Lackey take time from their duties of formulating rules and policies to inspect books from WHS's library.



New to the school system, Principal Ed Wachtel advocated new programs, policies, and changes to help prepare WHS for its approaching status as a AAAA school.

Year Marks Start And Also An End

The year '69-'70 was a beginning and an end—the end of one decade and the beginning of another. The school year at WHS was also a beginning and an end—the end of old ideas and policies and the beginning of new ideas, courses, programs, and policies to prepare WHS for becoming a AAAA school in '70-'71.

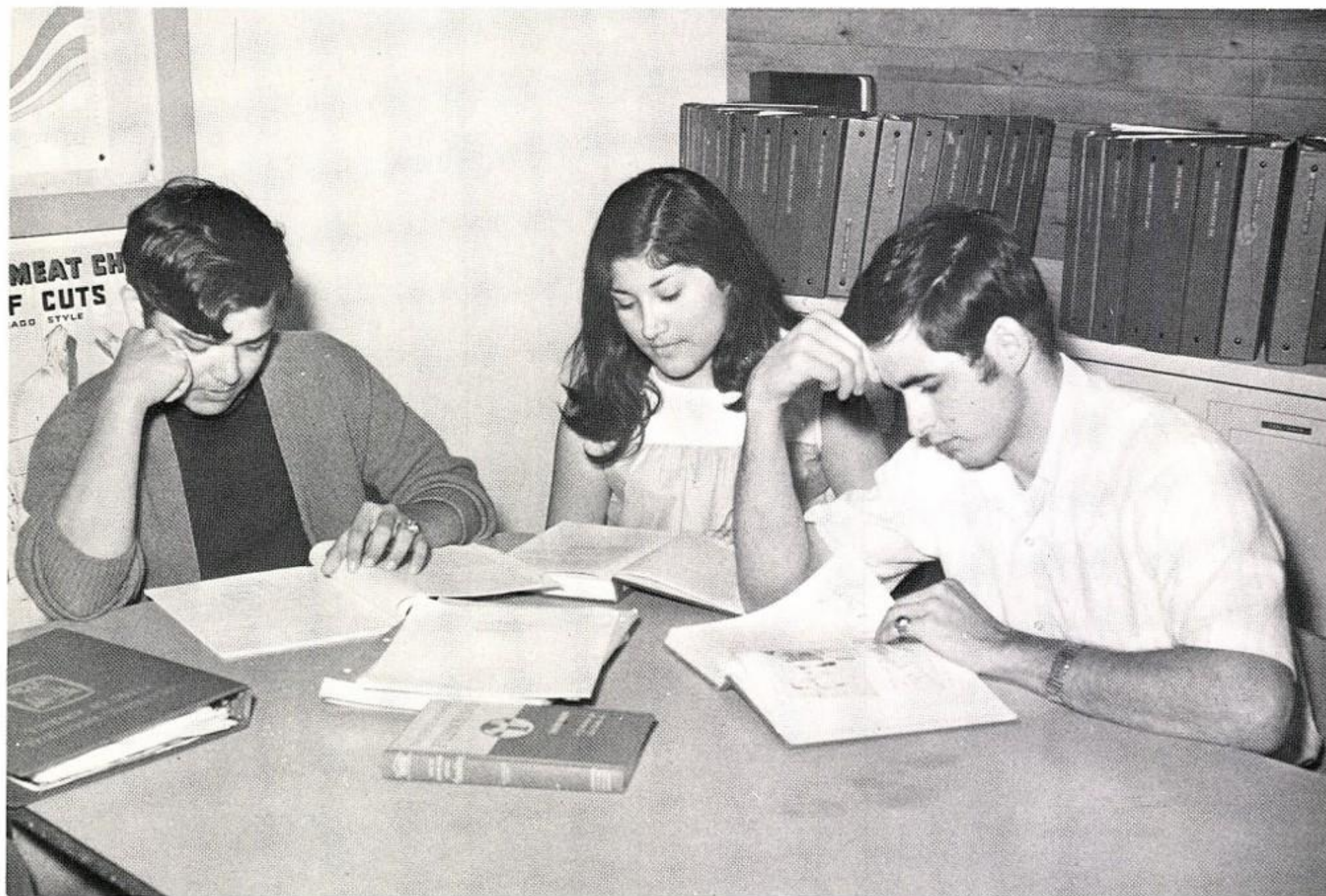
To reach these goals, many changes have occurred. A new principal, assistant principal, superintendent, librarian, counselor, and new secretaries, aides, and teachers were added. Student dress codes were modified, an eight period day was initiated, students scheduled their own classes, and an independent study program was continued.

WHS had an enlarged budget for supplies and instructional aids. An additional sum of \$2,682 in Title I money was also available.

For the first time, WHS faculty members organized formally into departmental groups in anticipation of becoming a AAAA school.

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Various Campus Training Programs Aid Students



Diligently studying an industrial cooperative training (ICT) assignment are ICT students Manuel Ramos, carpenter, Victoria Lopez,

nurse's aid, and Eloy de la Garza, motor mechanic. This is a work-study program.



In the vocational office education (VOE lab,) students Karen Lancaster, senior, and Valerie Garza, junior, repair a piece of equipment.



Department head for the job related classes is Robert Gutierrez. Instructors are Mr. Gutierrez, distributive education (DE), Mrs.

Lois Wahl, vocational office education, Joe Calvillo, DE; and Arturo Salazar, industrial office training.



DE student Isabel Sepulveda, senior, sells popcorn to Rudy Rodriguez during Weslaco's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

Training Programs Give Experience

On the job training programs including the industrial cooperative training (ICT), vocational office education (VOE), and distributive education (DE), classes provide students with practical experiences in the business fields.

Members of these classes also organize clubs and compete in area and state meets, bringing many honors to WHS.

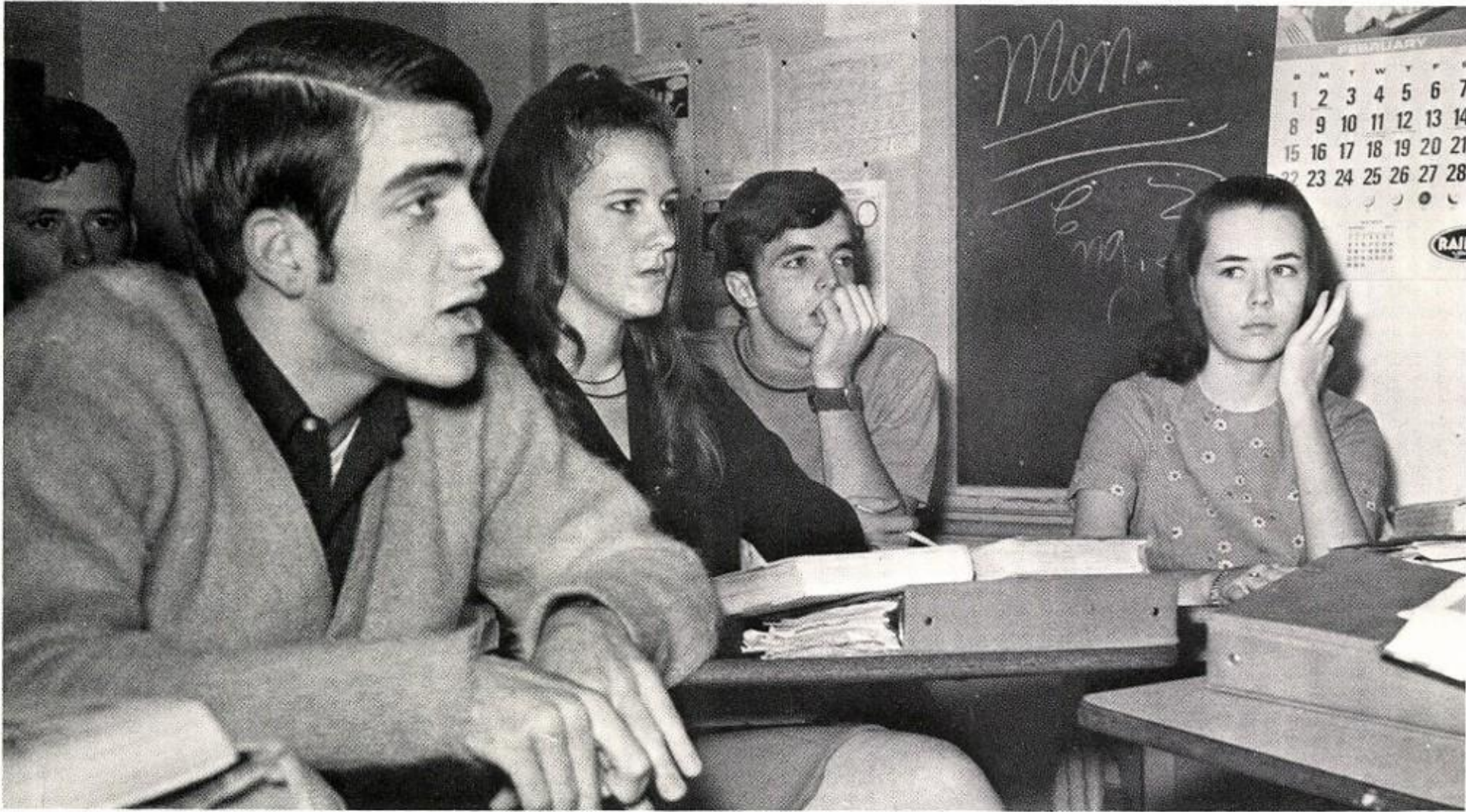
A pre-employment lab is set up to teach units in office practice, filing, dictaphone, business math, machine reproduction, adding machines, and calculators.

All ICT members are in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA).

DE classroom work is supplemented by the DECA club; members have dances and picnics, and go on field trips.

The club's goals are to develop leadership and citizenship in its members and to provide them with valuable experience in the business field.

Students Experience Freedom In Honors Classes



Participating in a class discussion on justification of the Viet Nam conflict are English honors III students Billy Gossett, Bill Mattar,

Sharon Hoeller, Keith Leamer, and Charity Oglevee. Charles Warren teaches the class.

Department Adds Three Classes

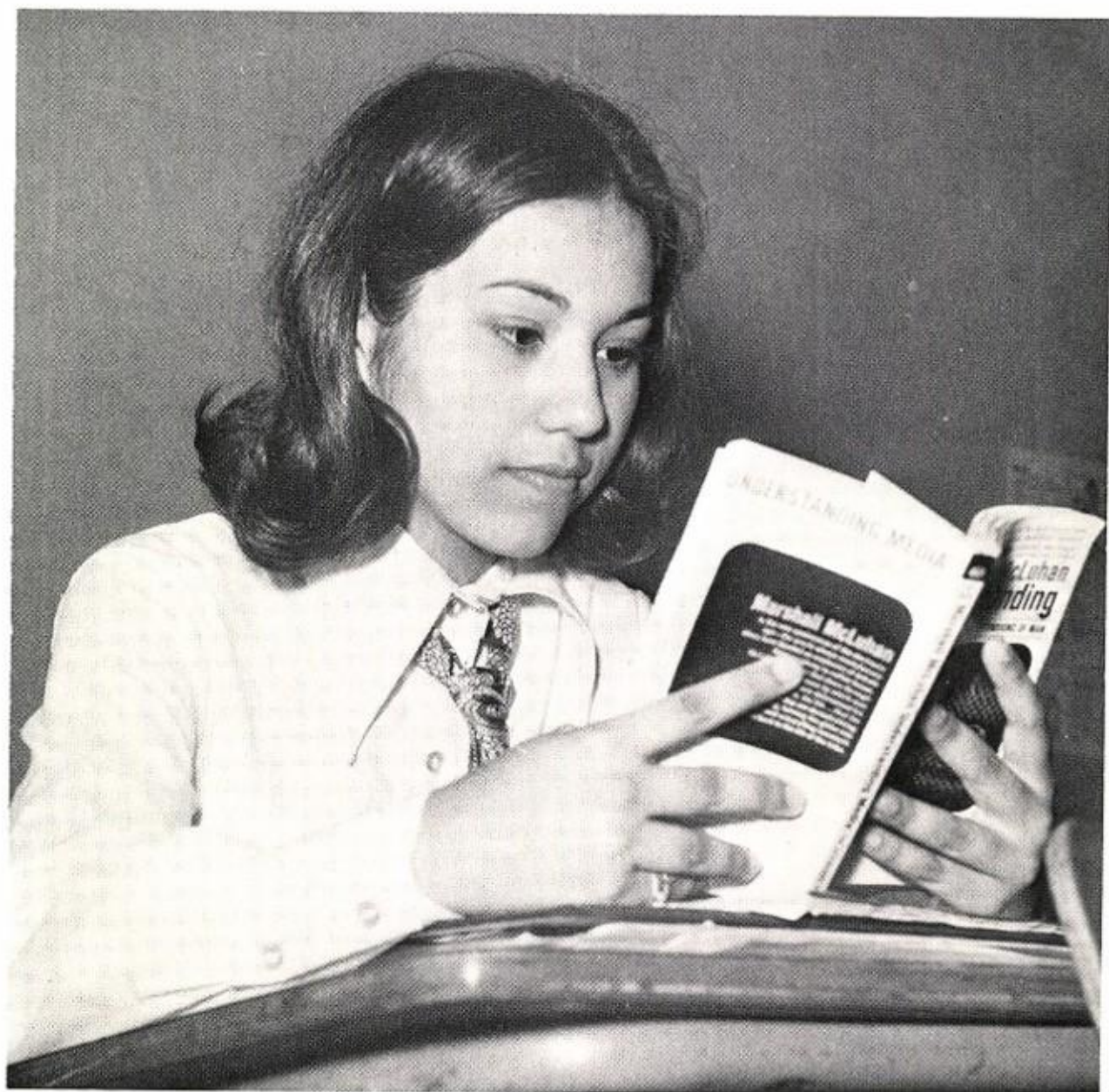
WHS's English department underwent a large change during the 1969-70 year. Three new honors English classes were added to the curriculum.

Besides the senior honors English class in its second year, freshman, sophomore, and junior honors classes are also in progress.

These classes are taught with extensive use of films, filmstrips, tapes, records, posters, art reproductions, paperback books and excerpts from other literature sources.

Students take part in group and panel discussions, and also present voluntary lectures.

Special emphasis is placed on developing independent thought. Students are assigned thought provoking topics for essays and these to give them practice formulating and presenting their own views and ideas.

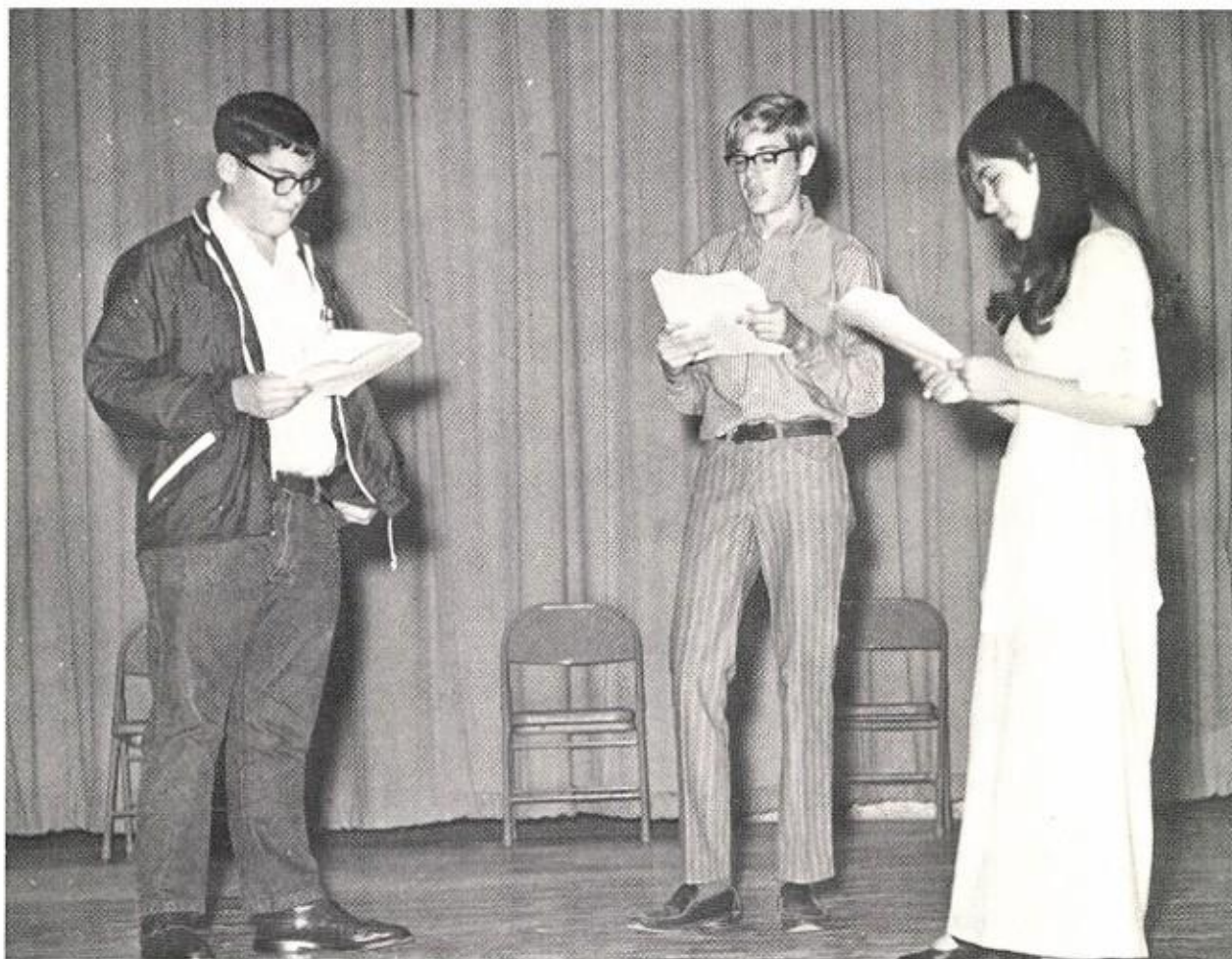


Carefully reading a paperback book for her English honors class is Irene De Leon, freshman, Mrs. Cecil Massey teaches the new course.



English IV honors students pick their own subject matter to study and work at their own rates or in groups. Above Ruben Valdes,

John Cain, Norma Linda Silva, and Greg Panzer, seniors, ponder over some poetry they are studying.



Presenting a Shakespearian comedy, "Twelfth Night" in the auditorium are English II honors students Noble Allen, Terry McDaniel and Gloria Leal.

English Department Plays Big Role For Students

English Essential In Class Work

English plays an important part in a student's academic work. To do well in other subjects, students must also be able to speak, read, and write good English.

Both standard and other English routes may be followed. Instead of a fourth year of English, speech, business communications, and journalism may be taken under one program.

Much improvement has been made in the business communications classes this year. Number of classes has increased from four to eight and 100 business, English, and communications textbooks have been acquired for students' use.

Students also use secretarial practice books and other work books.

Speech students learn other things besides how to give speeches. They try some drama and help with the production of the senior talent show and play.

English departmental chairmen are Mrs. Joyce McWhorter and Charles Warren.



Inspecting paperback books to be used in the business communications class are Zulema Ochoa and Isabel Sepulveda, seniors.



As Tana Perez gives a speech, students Juan Castaneda, Yoleta Castillo, Hector Benitez, Gloria Gonzalez, and other class members

carefully listen so that they will be able to evaluate and criticize the speech when Tana finishes.



English faculty members include Mrs. Elizabeth Morony, Mrs. Noemi Gonzalez, Fred Burns, Mrs. Juanita Richards, Miss Maria Villarreal, Mrs. Ollie Dickie, (standing) Miss Catarina Mancias, Mrs.

Mary Ann Massey, Mrs. Joyce McWhorter, Charles Warren, Steve Edwards, Ronald Matthews, Joe Kious, and Harold Sheppard.



English III students Abel Vazquez, Celia Vargas and Alicia Cardova receive special assistance from Mrs. Dickie, English instructor.

Many of Mrs. Dickie's students received national recognition for their work.

Social Studies Classes Utilize Newspapers Weekly



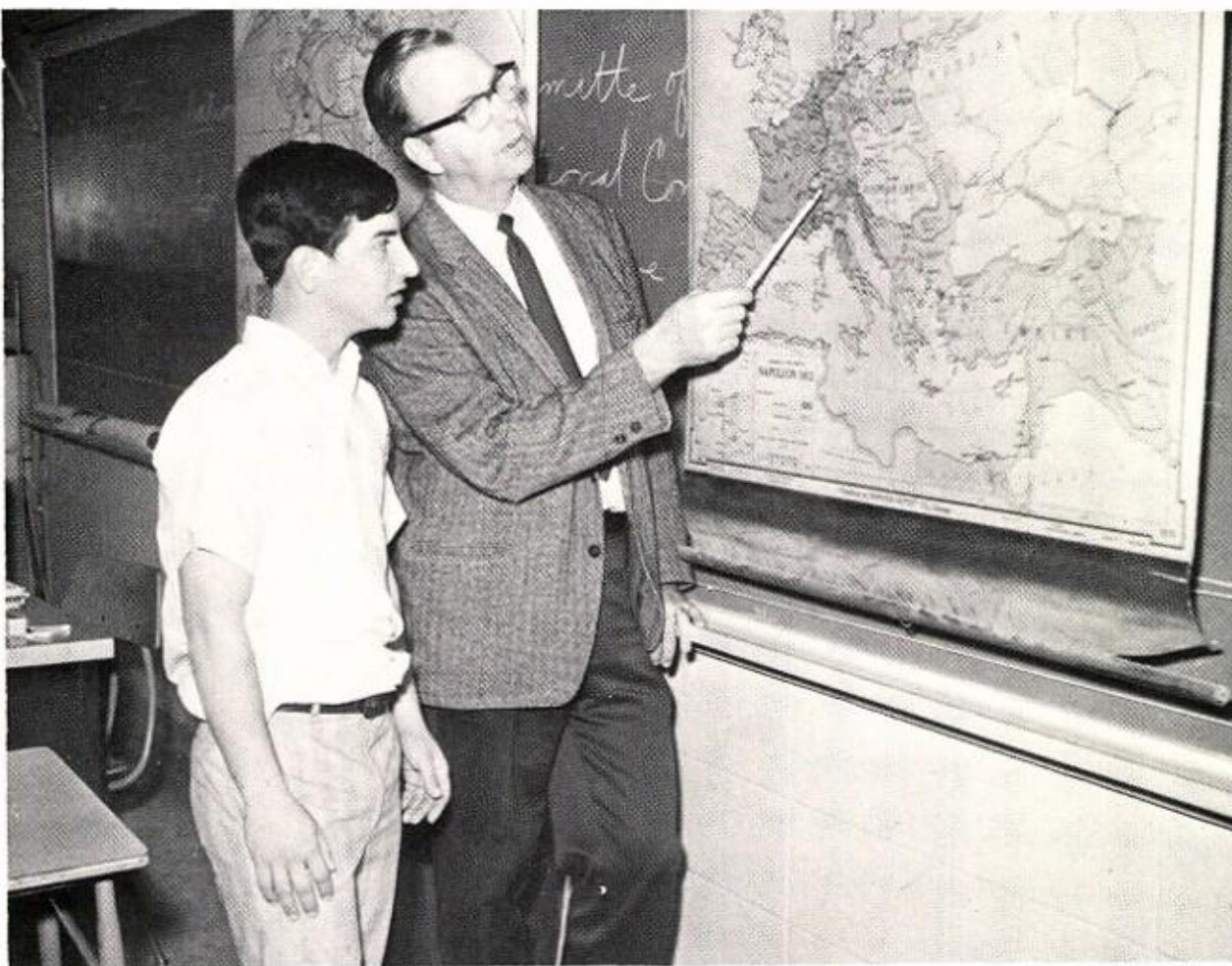
Diligently working at his American history assignment is Salvador Padilla, junior. History students study the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and learn about past history and how it is relevant to

contemporary America. Social studies classes also utilize available newspapers once a week to study living history.



Social studies faculty members include Osborne Little, American history, government; Obert Aga, world history, Texas history; Randy Savage, world history; Roy Trevino, American history,

government; and Mrs. Eugenia Langdale, American history, world history. Not pictured are David Williams, world history; and Joe Sherrill, world history.



World history instructor Obert Aga discusses locations of countries being studied with Ruben Cuellar, sophomore.

Weekly Program Provides Papers

Social studies teachers make use of a newspaper program once weekly. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times is delivered on Tuesdays and distributed to students in social studies classes so that they can read and study current events.

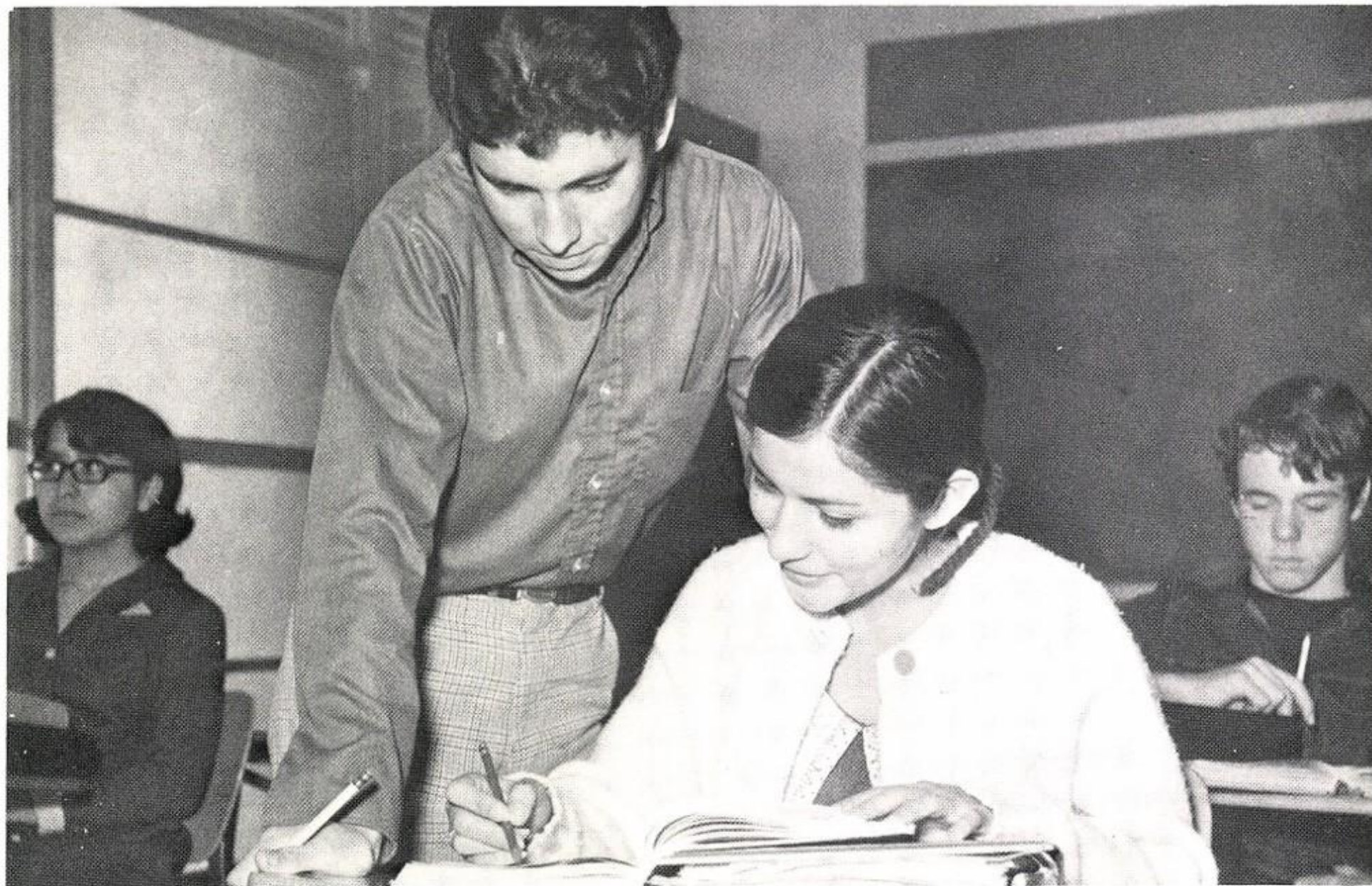
Courses include American history, world history, government, advanced government, economics, Latin American History, and advanced problems in social studies.

Obert Aga is department head.

Social studies classes make extensive use of films, transparencies, sound film strips, and other materials.

Living history is taught to show connections between the present and the past.

Math: Important Part of Students' Curriculum



Two heads are better than one, or so find Alfredo Rodriguez and Irma Bautista, juniors, as they decide to put their heads together

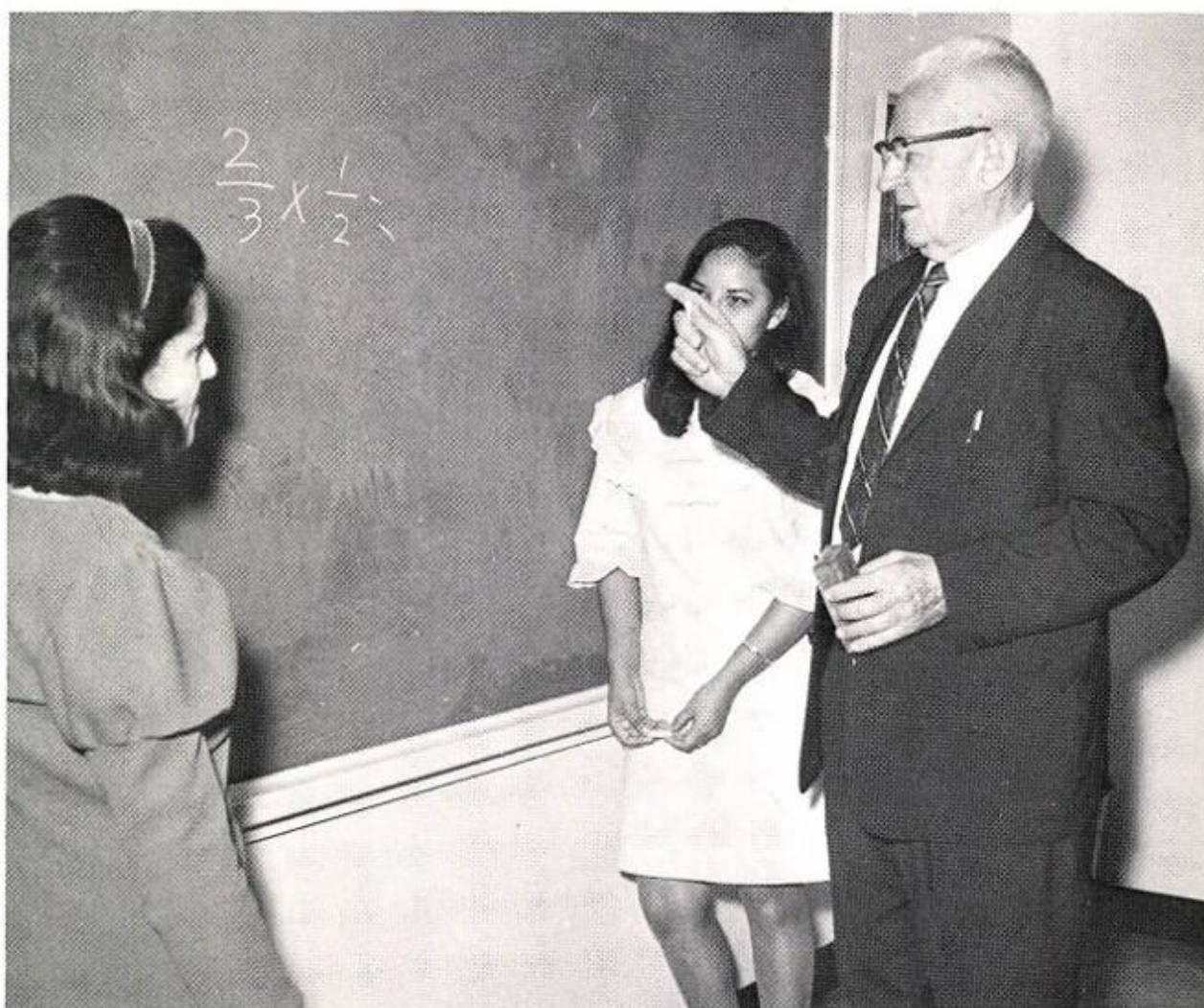
to solve some confusing math problems on a difficult algebra II assignment.

48 lb. x 10% = 6% W Confusing? - - Math

If 10% of a brine (salt & water) solution is used to obtain a 6% brine solution, and a barrel containing 48 pounds of the 10% solution is available to make the 6% solution, then how much water must be added to 10% solution to make 6% solution or if two airplanes start at the same place in opposite directions at ten minute intervals and the first plane travels at 350 miles per hour and the second plane travels at 235 miles per hour, how many hours will it take the airplane traveling 235 miles an hour to reach 20,645 miles per hour if. . .

Confusing? Well math is not an easy subject, but it is an important part of the high school student's curriculum.

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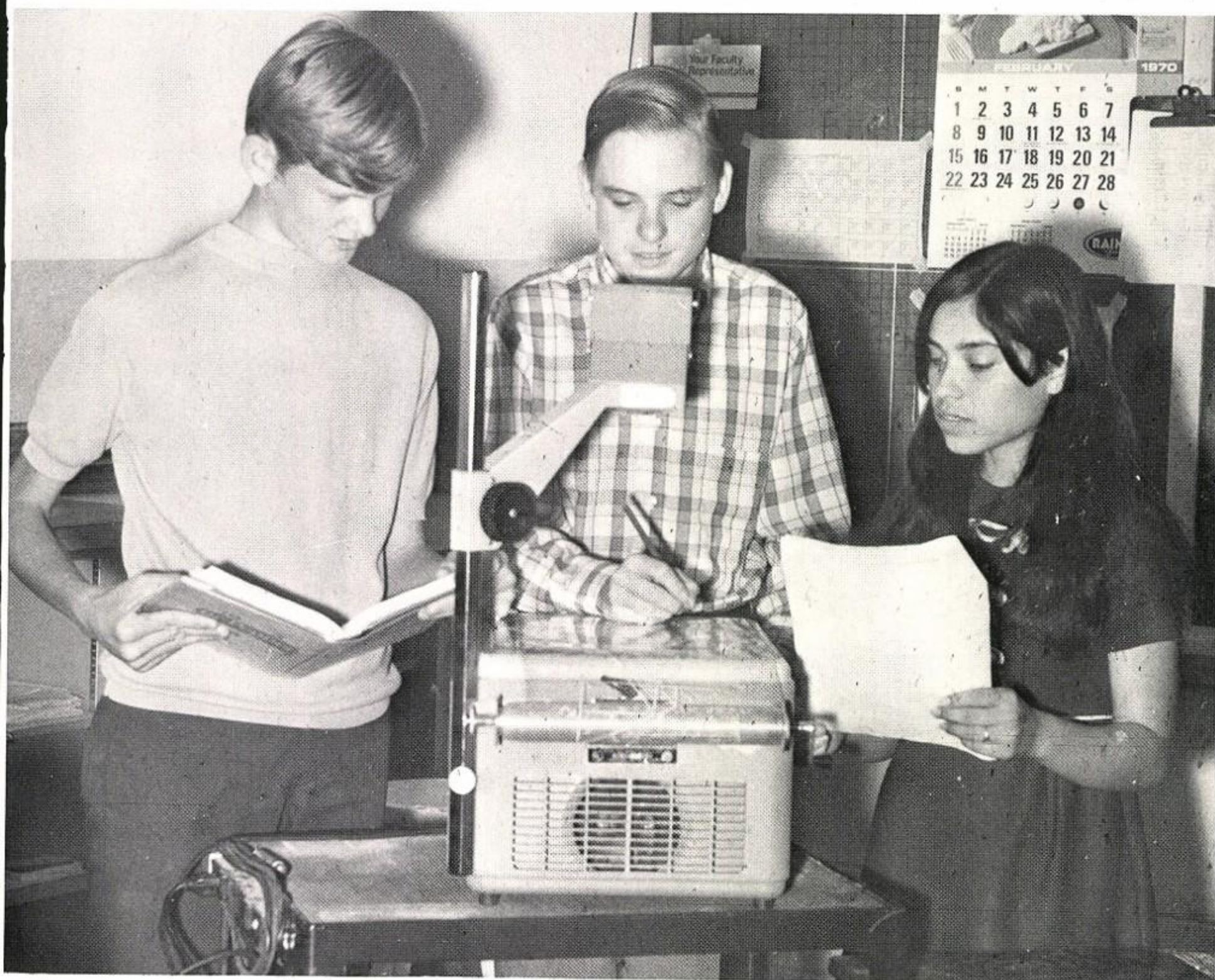


Alex Dickie, related math teacher, explains fractions to Nicolasa Reyes and Theresa Garcia, freshmen, during class time.



Mathematics teachers are department chairman, C. David Anderson, Julian Greer, Mrs. Sherry Thompson, Mrs. Jean Lockhart,

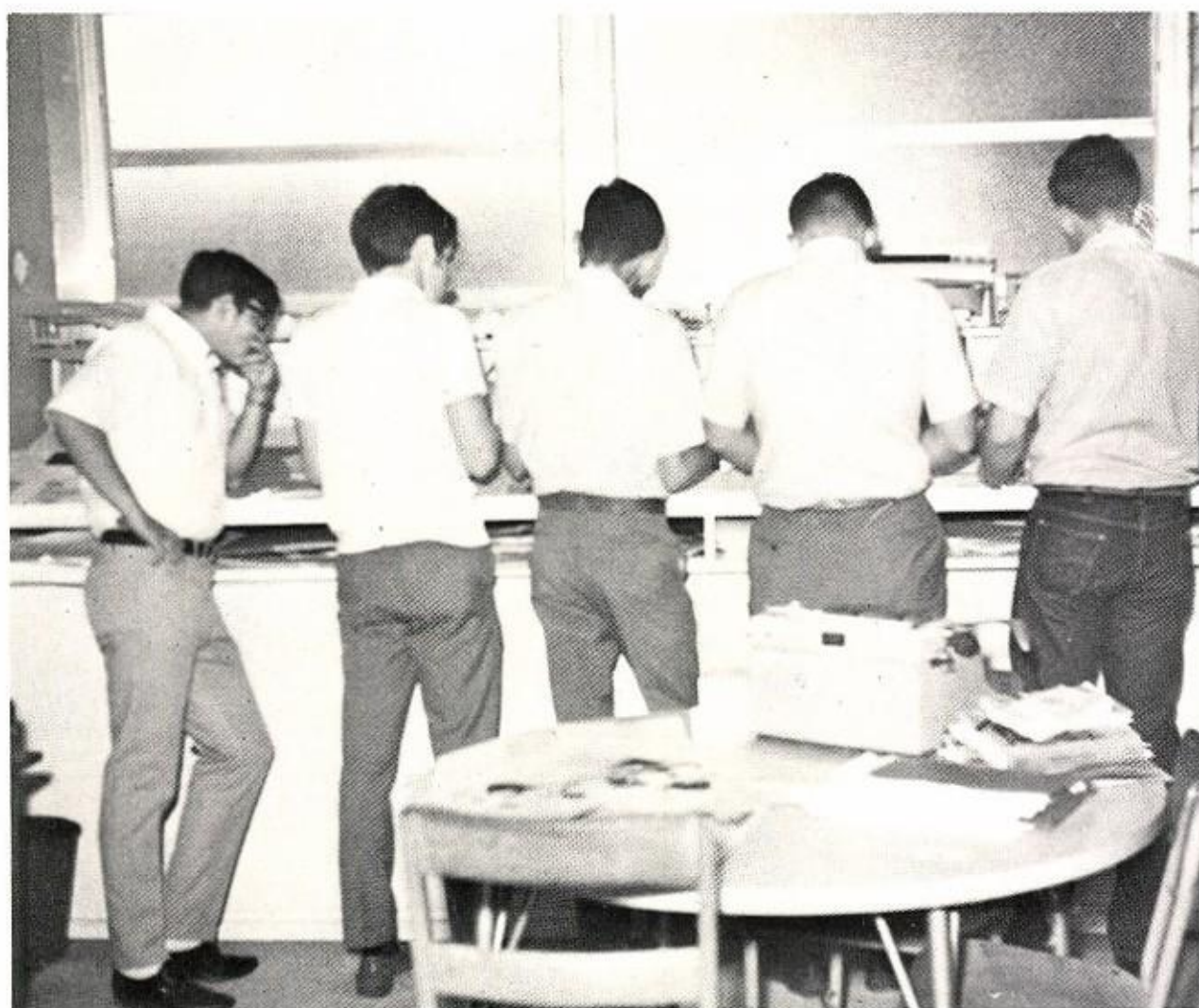
Mrs. Josephina Sanchez, Dr. Alex Dickie, Paul Henderson, Mrs. Darlene Bowden, and Michael Smith.



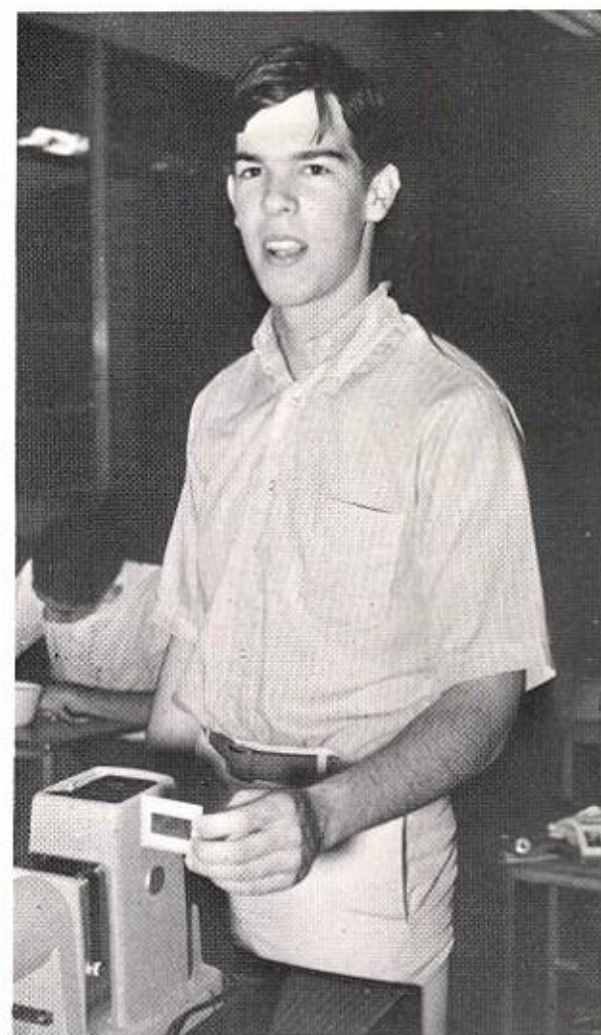
Working geometry problems on the overhead projector are Bobby Pratt, Bruce Lime, and Gloria Leal, sophomores. Math students

gain extra practice by working problems in class and by using available materials such as the overhead projector.

Campus Journalists Produce Various Publications



Students put in many hours doing pasteups for the Hi-Life. After the articles and ads are set in type, they must be properly placed on the layout sheets.



Testing slides for a light show is Gary Rakestraw, journalism I student. Publication students also helped make slides.



Interviewing Doug McClure (Trampas) are Joe Silva and Carmen Cuellar, juniors.
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Quite a few changes have occurred in the Hi-Life since Miss Louise Black sponsored the first edition in 1923. Here Mrs. Martha Andersen, publications department head, explains to Miss Black (left) how the Hi-Life is pasted up.



Publications students take time from their workshops at the Interscholastic League Press Conference in Austin to grab a bite to eat and discuss the workshops.



Trimming slides for light show is Joe Ramirez, journalism I student. Students learned techniques for making slides at a conference in Austin.

Racing. . Snapping. . Selling. . Writing . .

Racing to meet deadlines; snapping pictures; interviewing teachers, students, and administrators; attending workshops; designing ads, selling books and newspapers; writing headlines and copy and designing layouts are all part of being in one of WHS's publication classes.

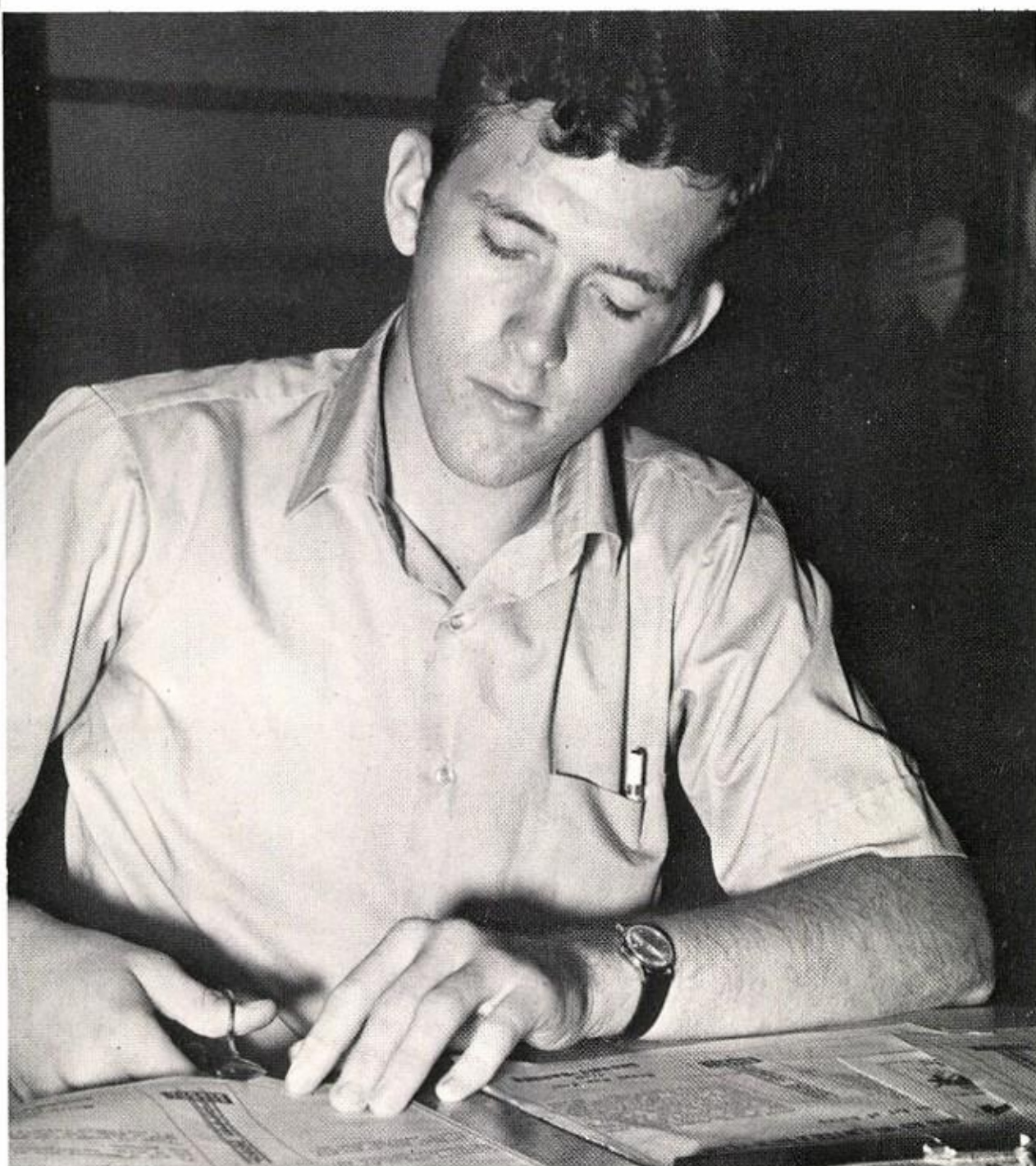
Classes offered are journalism I, II and journalism II enrichment, annual, and publications classes. Official publications include the Hi-Life, the bi-weekly newspaper; La Palma, the yearbook, and this year, Purple Pride, a literary magazine.

Students plan, write, edit and do their own photography for both, and do their own pasteups and service ads for the Hi-Life.

This year students experimented with a brochure, a literary magazine, and several light shows. These early attempts will provide data for future work with these types of communications.

Students have the option of attending various workshops, joining the press club, touring newspaper plants, and attending summer workshops.

Mrs. Martha Andersen is head of the publications department.



Designing an ad for the Hi-Life is Billy Ray Gossett, Jr., journalism I student. Staff members design and sell all of the ads that appear in the paper.

Science Department Stresses Experimentation



In chemistry classes, students accept nothing as truth. They test theories in the chemistry laboratory. Sue Crist, junior, measures
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out solvents and solutes to determine the solubility rates of certain chemicals during a lab class.



Science faculty members include Abel Sanchez, general science; Douglas Chappell, general science, biology I; department head

Kent Grosser, chemistry; Gary Vigil, biology I; Mrs. Virginia (Mom) Jones, biology I; and Mrs. Gloria Llewellyn, biology I & II.



Picking clover after a rain to study in biology I classes are Mrs. Virginia (Mom) Jones, instructor, and Robert Sifuentes and Arturo Chavez, juniors.

Science Students Work In Labs

In science classes, teachers supplement written exercises with actual experiments in the laboratories.

Dissecting frogs is part of being in a biology class. Students must learn to locate and identify the different organs of the frogs.

Biology I students also make exhibits for the annual Halloween carnival.

Biology II students take field trips to Padre Island to supplement classroom study of invertebrates and marine biology with actual examples.

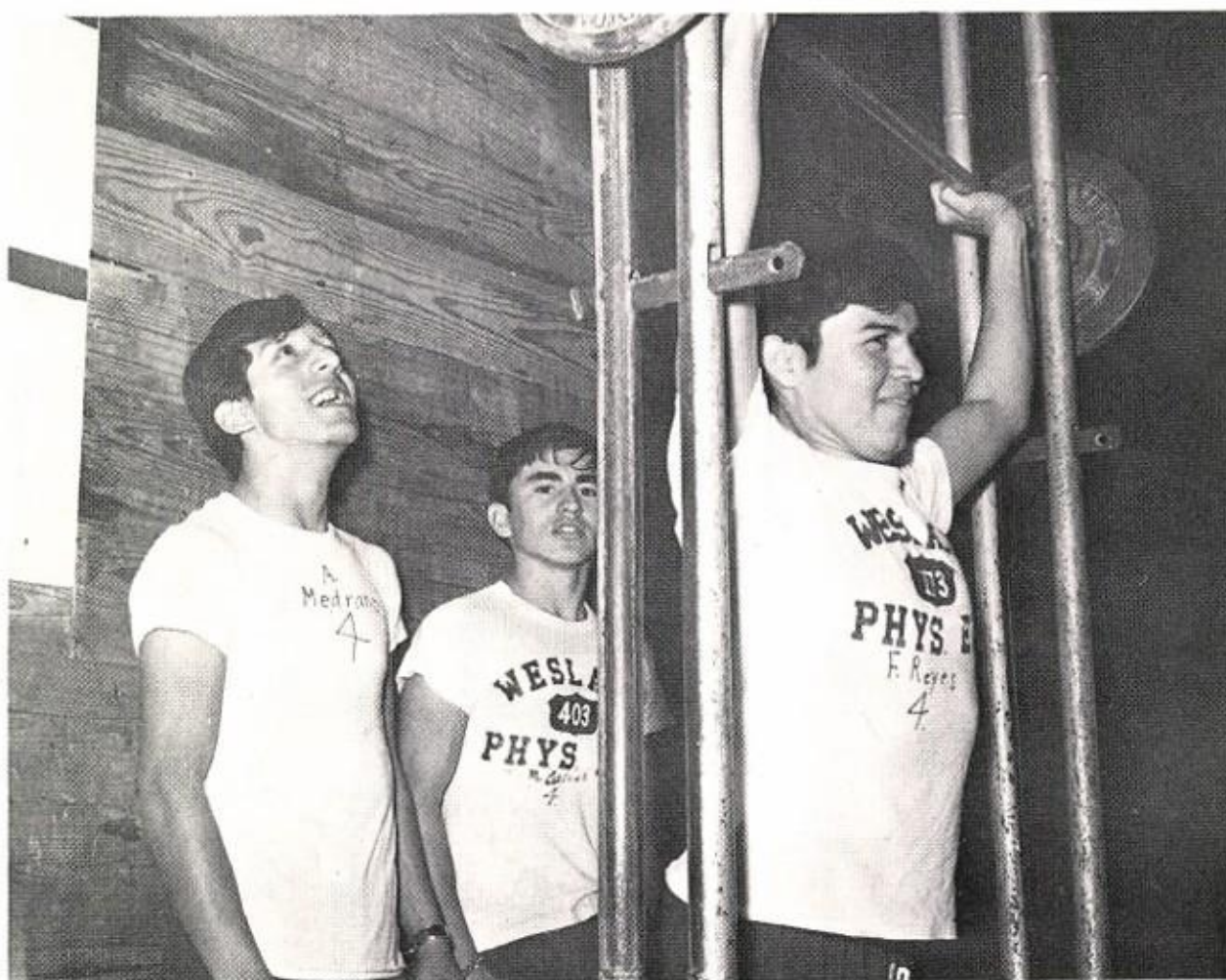
Kent Grosser, science department head, also sponsors the Phi-Chem-Bi club which makes several trips to Padre Island and set up aquariums at the local Science Fair.

Athletic Department Produces Winning Teams



This year, girls' physical education classes participated in swimming, a new sport at WHS. Girls classes used the new Weslaco pool

during the last six weeks period while the boys utilized the pool during the fifth six weeks.



Hoisting weights in physical education classes are Freddy Reyes, freshman, Adolfo Medrano, senior, and Manuel Galvan, sophomore.



Athletic, physical education and health department faculty members are seated, Mrs. Dessie Heald, Mrs. Antonia Fuentes, Mrs.

Aida Greer, David Williams, Joe Bartlett, J. D. Centilli, John Kolacek, Larry Luedtke, Boone Wilkening, and Ernesto Lugo.



Attending one of the many pep rallies during football season are B-Team football coaches Ernesto Lugo, Larry Luedtke, and Boone Wilkening.

Coaches Direct Winning Teams

Winning teams need winning coaches and WIHS has a first-rate coaching department.

J. D. Centilli is athletic director and Mrs. Dessie Heald is department head of the PE and health department. Both have reputations for directing outstanding programs.

Along with football, basketball, baseball, tennis, track, golf, and volleyball, another sport, tumbling, is now offered as a non-credit class for boys.

Tumblers perform during half-times of basketball games.

Besides participating in Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) sponsored intramurals, girls in PE classes also take physical fitness tests.

Girl athletes participate in basketball, track, volleyball, and tennis meets. They also attend the Texas A & I University basketball clinic at Kingsville each year where some girls participate in skill contests.

Boys in PE classes play different sports and take physical fitness tests.

Health classes teach students both physical and mental hygiene.

Music Department Faces Expansion Program

Musicians Planning Facility Expansion

Proposals have been made to increase gradually the amount of music practice rooms, storage space, and the number of band and choir directors in the next five years.

By '74-'75, WHS hopes to have about seven band directors. In '69-'70, Larry Jones band director, and Amando Cruz, assistant band director, were joined by a new assistant band director, J.M. Galindo.

During '69-'70, Pigskin Jubilee competition, WHS's band made its Fortieth straight "I", along with winning many other honors.

Choir members under Mrs. Sibyl Mattar's direction presented "Good News", a special musical assembly for the WHS student body before Christmas.

The WHS Singers performed downtown during Weslaco's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

Art students, under Mrs. Anna Frost, are learning fundamental skills, art appreciation, and at the same time helping with many projects on campus, such as assisting with stage sets, library exhibits, and prom decorations.



Art and music instructors are Larry Jones, band, Mrs. Sibyl Mattar, choir, and Mrs. Anna Frost, art. Mr. Jones is chairman of the music department and Mrs. Frost is the art department head.



One project for art students was making masks which were displayed in the office. Another project included repairing Henry, 88/Academics

the Panthers' papier mache mascot.



Practice is the key word for band students as band director Jones shouts encouragement to the marchers.



In "Good News", a special choir program before Christmas, some members dressed as hippies to represent "protesters against the establishment," in the cast.



During "Sock-it-to-me-day" faculty members in the new faculty cheering section were avid participants. Their participation paid

off as the faculty won the "spirit stick" at one of the pep rallies.

Busy Homemakers Cook, Sew, Eat, and Clean



Freshman homemakers Maria Marta Perez, Maria Alicia Rivera, Judy Belinda Valderas, and Belinda Robles, carefully add the

finishing touches to their day's accomplishments as Mrs. Blon Del Beasley supervises the procedures.



Upper Photo—Homemaking teachers this year are Mrs. Mary Frances Bennett, Mrs. Donna Fryar, Mrs. Earline Luce, and Mrs. Beasley.

Full page at right: Ninfa Cano and Kathy Engle, seniors, clip pictures for homemaking assignments as Mrs. Bennett checks the work.



Girls Learn Skills By Participation

Sewing, cooking, cleaning, and eating what they prepare is all part of being in a homemaking class.

The four member faculty teaches courses in Homemaking I & II, home and family living, and home furnishings.

Commercial Department Features Shorthand, Typing



Making plans at a commercial department meeting are Mrs. Karen Sheppard, typing I, shorthand; Mrs. Elvia Trevino, commercial

department head, typing I & II; Terry Bartelli, bookkeeping, typing I; and not shown, Mrs. Diana Klefisch, typing I.

Commercial Group Starts Tourney

WHS's commercial department has started a shorthand-typing tourney for Mid-Valley students as a preparation for University Interscholastic League (UIL) contest.

Another contest sponsored annually by the typing I classes is the Valentine contest in which the fastest girl and boy typists are chosen Valentine king and queen and the two runners-up are named duke and duchess.

This year, typing classes were expanded from seven to eleven classes. Also the department received instructional charts, working transparencies, workbooks which correlate with textbooks, typing practice sets, and new speed development workbooks.

Shorthand students learn the fundamentals: learning the characters and improving speed. They, along with typing students, participate in UIL events.

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During football games, Mrs. Trevino helps in the concession stand. Above she checks some figures with distributive education coordinator, Roberto Gutierrez.



Typing telegrams at the annual Halloween carnival at Louise Black Elementary School are Sylvia Segura, sophomore, and Yolanda

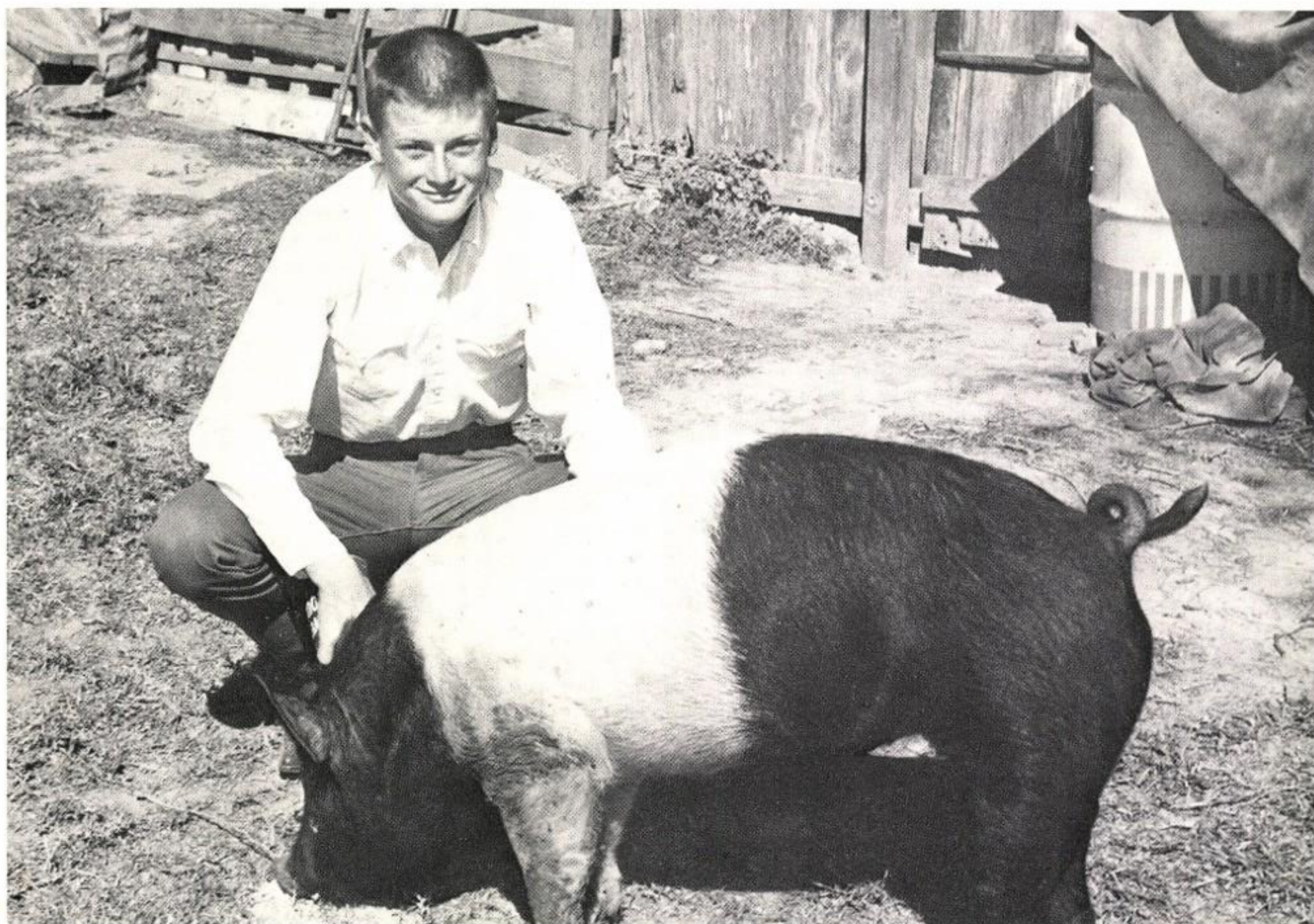
Escobar, junior. The telegram booth has become a traditional part of the carnival.



Taking shorthand dictation from Mrs. Karen Sheppard, instructor, are Yvonne de la Fuente, Hilaria Cuellar, Fela Balboa, and Blanca

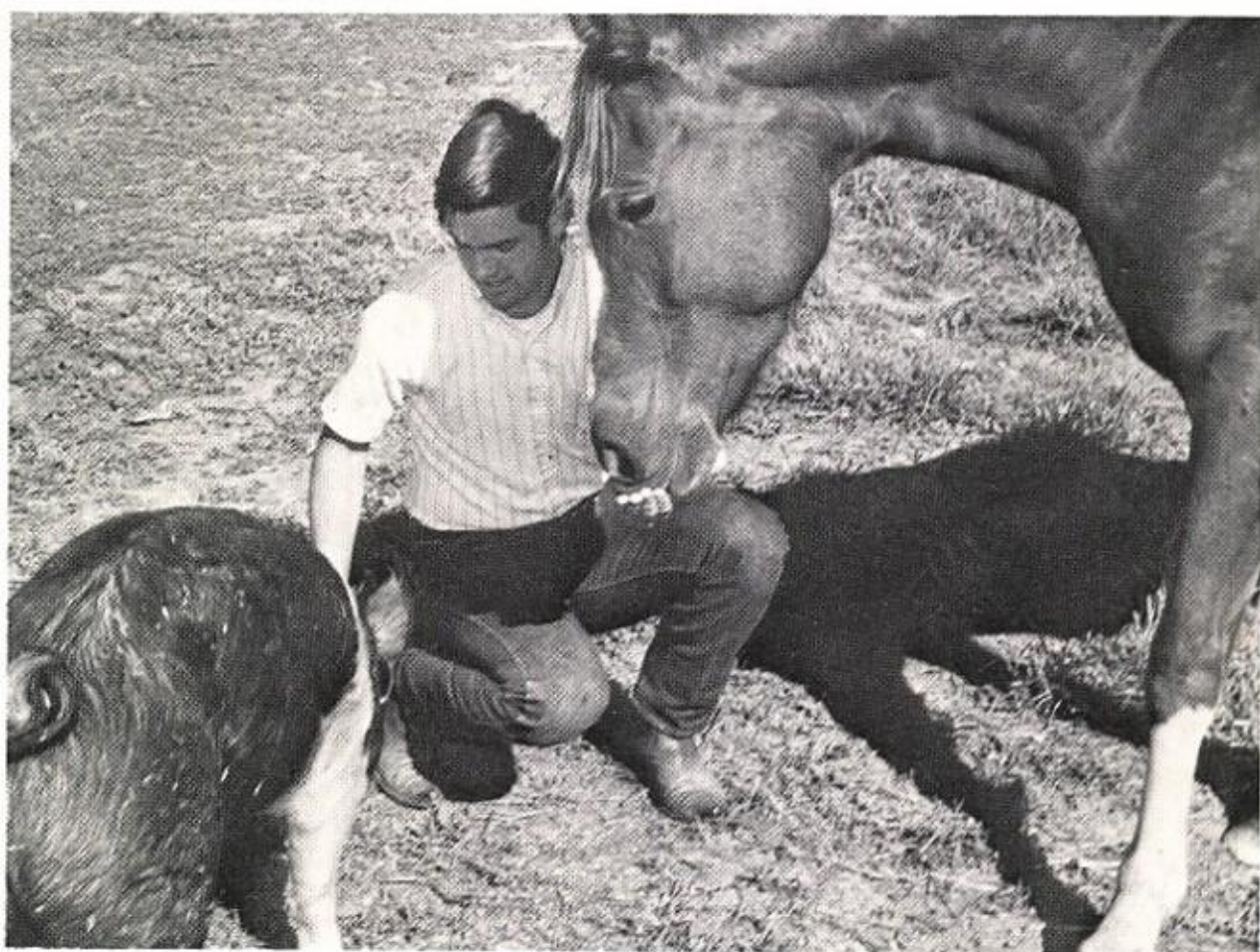
Rico, seniors. Constant practice improves the students' speed and accuracy.

Agriculture Boys Raise Animals For Showing



Henry is Steve Wilson's Hampshire hog. Wilson is a Future Farmer of America (FFA) and a 4-H member. Agriculture boys raise

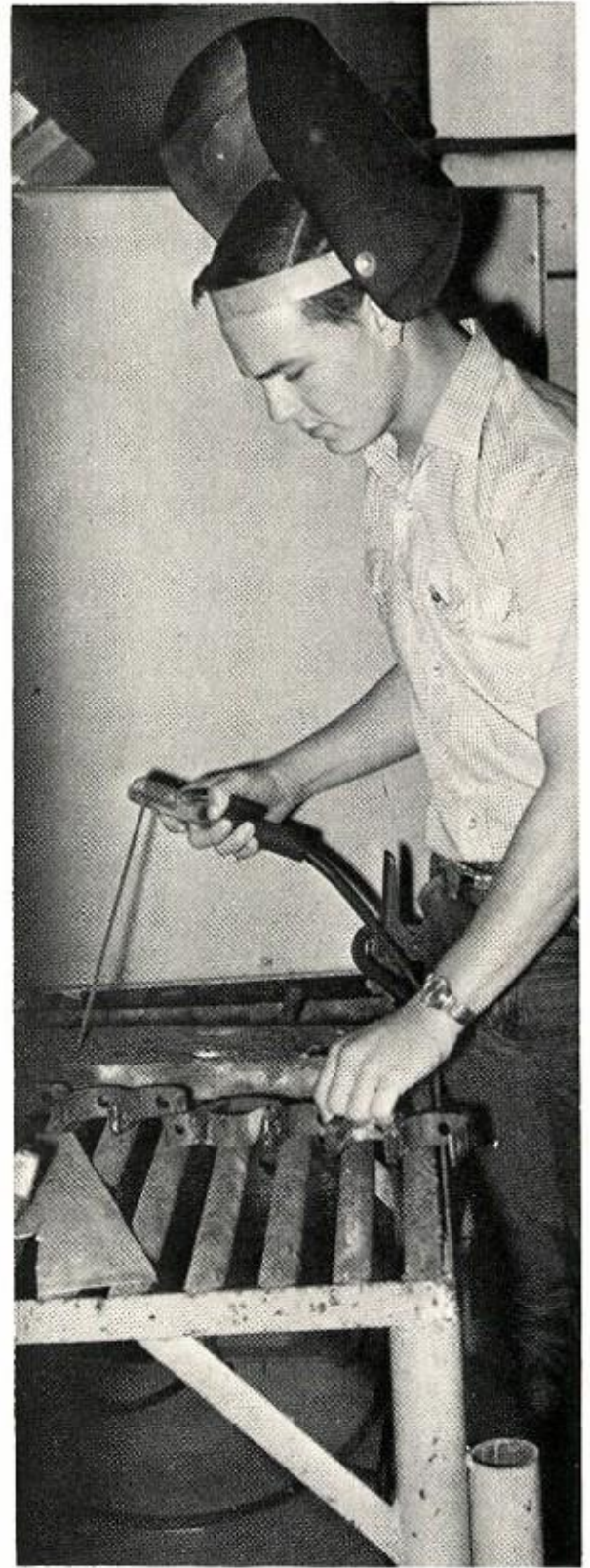
animals for the annual South Texas Lamb Show and the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.



Feeding both his Hampshire barrow hog named Bozo and his horse is two-year FFA and agriculture member Steve Harbison, junior.



Agriculture department head, Harold Lucc, explains shop techniques to Steve Harbison. Lucc teaches agriculture I, II, and III.



Ricky Harbison, sophomore, works with metalworking tools in the shop.



Shop teachers are Joe Bartlett and Ramon Guerrero, department head. Bartlett teaches leatherworking, metals I & II, woods I, besides being a coach. Guerrero teaches photography, drafting, electricity, and woods I, II, and III.

Boys Spend Time Preparing Entries

Students in agriculture classes spend much time preparing entries for the Rio Grande Valley Livestock show, the Future Farmers of America contest, and for the South Texas Lamb & Sheep Exposition.

As part of WHS's expanding curriculum, a leatherworking class was added to the industrial arts department. Classes in metalworking, woodworking, photography, drafting, and electricity are also taught.

Shop students look forward to the annual Industrial Arts Fair at Pan American College in Edinburg.

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Counselors Play Part In School's Success



WHS's two counselors, Mrs. Karen Heilman and Rodger Wahl, find little time to relax from their duties of registering, scheduling, and

counseling students from the beginning of school right through graduation.



High school nurse, Mrs. Ann Frase, explains the procedures for checking eyes to Jill Morrow, sophomore.

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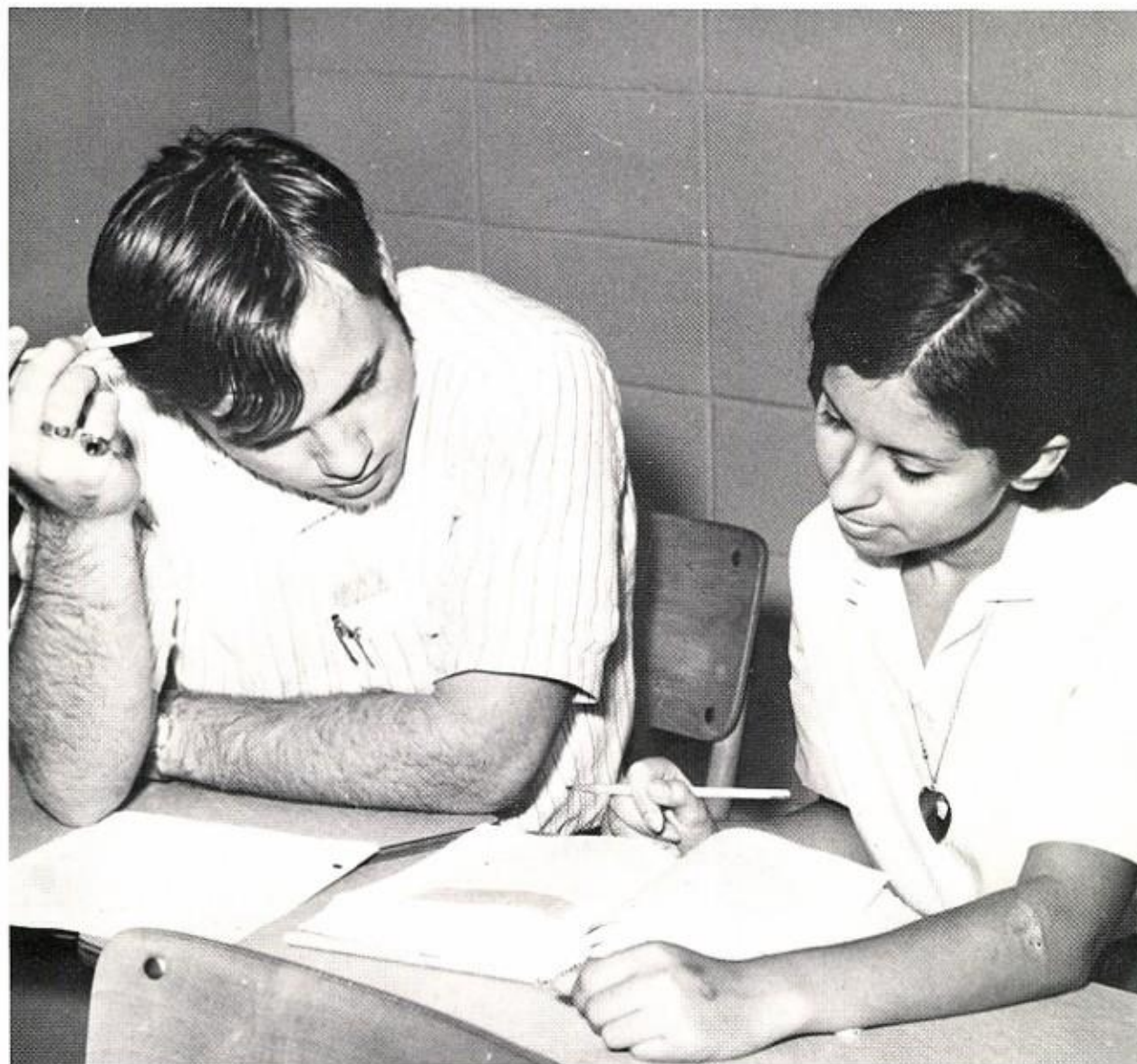


Dedication and hard work from Mrs. Lillian Fouts, new WHS librarian, makes the library a pleasant place to relax or study between classes.



Faculty members take time to eat a bite in the lounge during their lunch periods. Above are Mrs. Beatriz Garza, Mrs. Dessie Heald,

Sherry Thompson, J. D. Frost, and Thurman Rohr at the can opener.



National Honor Society (NHS) member John Cain helps Janie Bautista with her homework at the NHS sponsored after school study center.

Active Counselors Schedule Students

Registering, scheduling, advising, and rescheduling students is part of the counselors' jobs at WHS.

They help students choose classes and graduation plans, keep up with students' credits and grades, help students with personal problems, and also help with college or career plans.

Counselors help seniors fill out college applications, scholarship forms, and work applications. They also serve as references for students applying for jobs.

Mrs. Lillian Fouts, WHS's new librarian, took charge of a remodeled and updated library.

More books, periodicals, and magazines have been added to the shelves for students' use from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. during school days.

WHS's school nurse, Mrs. Ann Frase, is available for consultation and emergency first aid for most of the school day.

Merging of Two Schools Brings New Programs



Coordinated Vocational Academic Education (CVAE) instructors are seated; Miss Lady Frances Rushing, Miss Virginia Swanzey, Jerry Burnett, Mrs. Mary Voltz, and Mrs. Ann Ross; back row,

Javier Garcia, Orville Alexander, Baldwin Thompson, Peter Abrigo, Don Mitchell, Preston Barnes, and Bobby Burnett.

Joining of Schools Triggers Expansion

WHS gained additional students teachers, and classrooms, as a result of the merging of vocational school and high school. About 160 students are involved in the Coordinated Academic Vocational Education (CVAE) program.

This program combines vocational and academic subjects allowing students learning a trade to graduate from high school.

Baldwin Thompson, former vocational teacher is the director and head of the CVAE program.

New programs, designed especially to help vocational students, have been started at WHS.

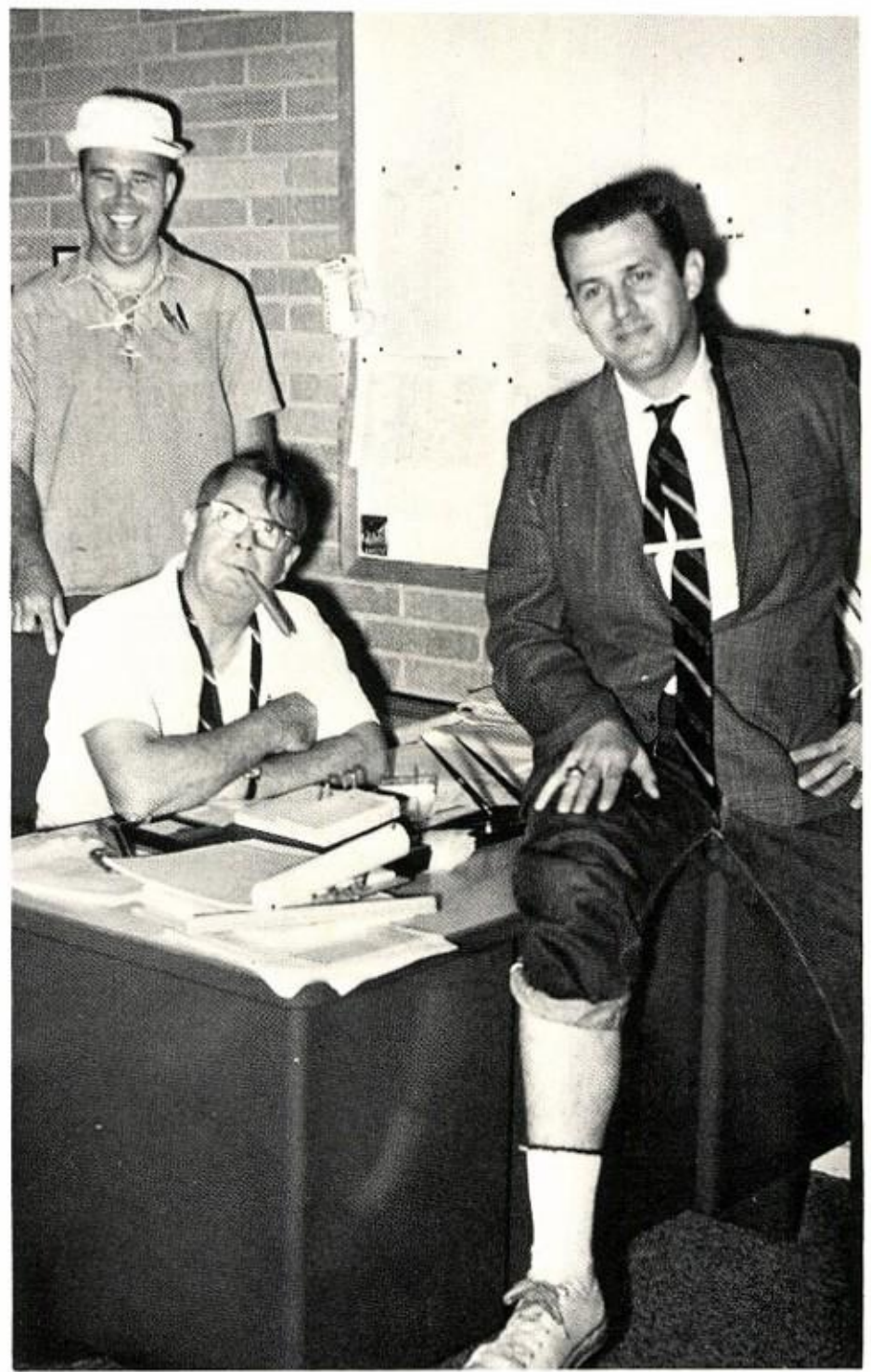
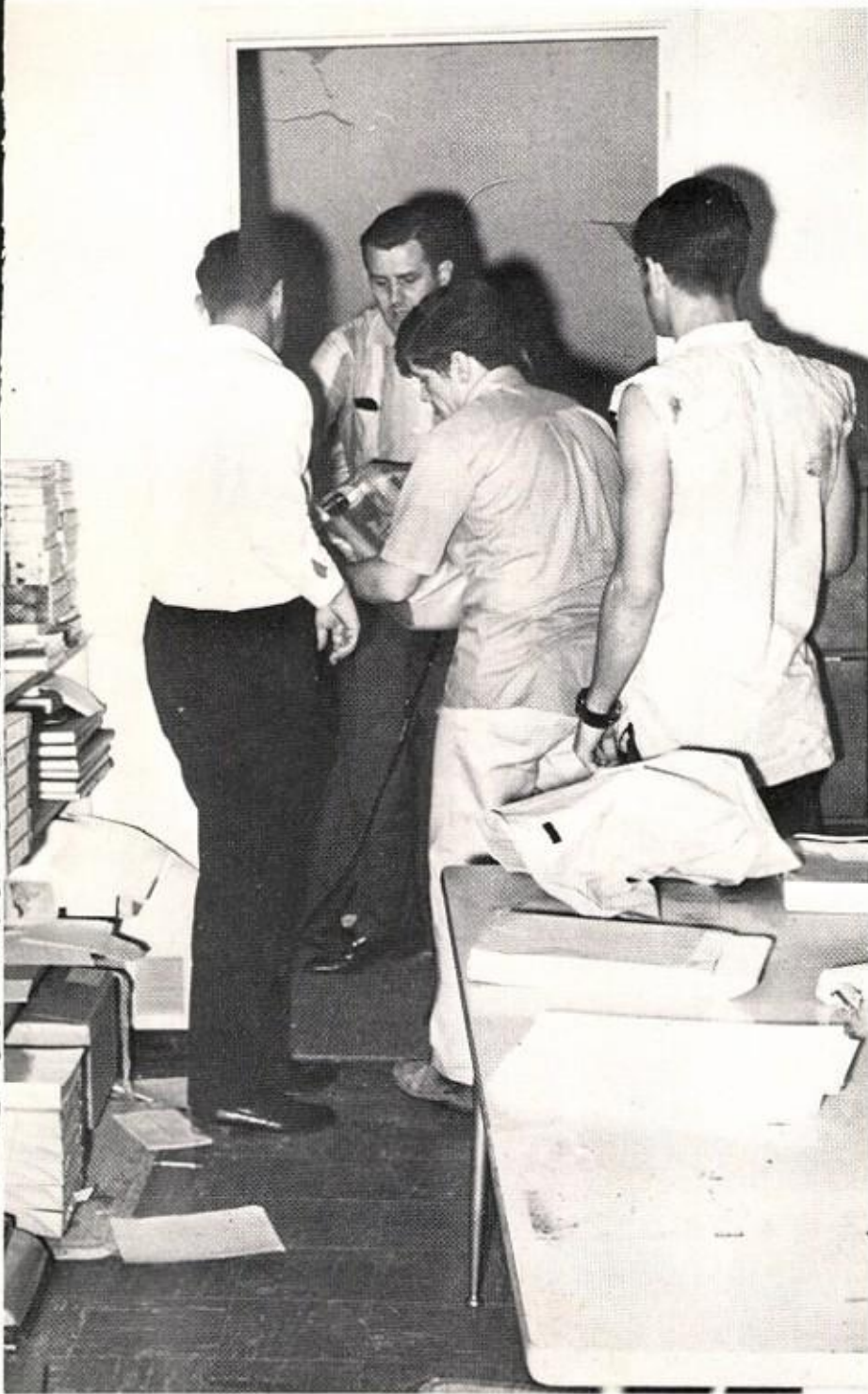
One programmed learning plan allows late enrolling students to take special classes of math, history, and English, regular physical education classes, and one of the regular physical education classes, and one of the regular vocational shop.

An after-school study center has also been started to provide additional help for students having difficulty with assignments.

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Helping to register WHS students for the '69-'70 school year are CVAE instructors Jerry Burnett and Pete Abrigo.



Cleaning up after a fire in the office April 13 are Jerry Pyle, Principal Ed Wachtel, Cleve Massey, and Nelson Mattar. Gray area is collapsed roof.

George Morley and J. D. Frost, assistant principals, and Principal Wachtel "ham it up" during Sadie Hawkins Day, a welcome day of informality.



MAYO members Daniel Acevedo, Oscar Cerda, and Sam Nieto, Donna school teacher, attended the school board meeting April 14 at which MAYO demands were answered by the administration to the board.

WHS Experiences Changing Times

This was a year of new ideas and changing times for WHS students, faculty, and administrators.

The old age ended with celebration of Weslaco's 50th birthday and then the new decade rolled in fast and furious with students, faculty, and administrators experiencing a bomb hoax, fires, 'Earth Day', a mini-walkout, and demands on the school.

They also faced crowded school conditions, new class schedules, modified dress codes, and many other changes.

The problems drew students, faculty, and administrators into a closely-knit, co-operative working unit.

Sports - -

History always repeats itself, it is often said. This holds true in the case of the fighting Panthers.

The first football team of 1924 won the Valley Champions title, and the team of 1955, as an AAA team, went to state semi-finals.

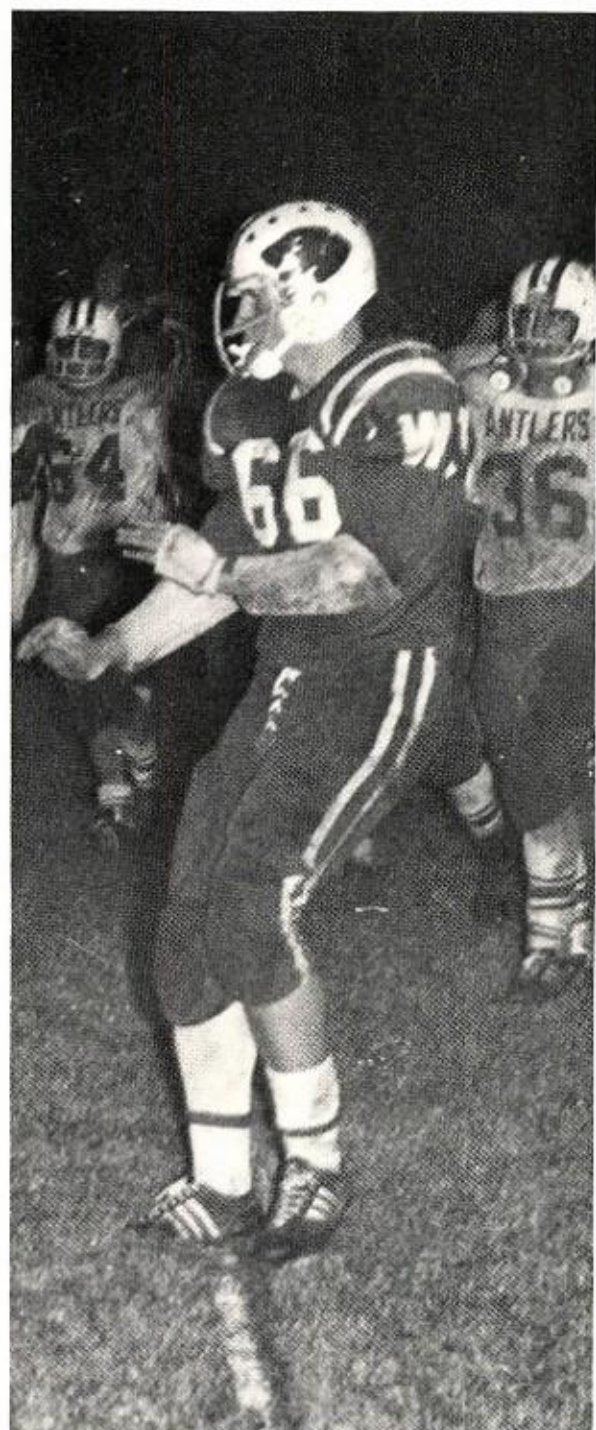
As the Panthers of 1969 left the ranks of AAA to join the AAAA powerhouse ranks, they did so carrying the district title, and came within a whisper of holding the regional title.

The Panthers of 1970, with an illustrious heritage, a goal to achieve, and a spirited student body, faculty and group of townspeople to support them, look forward to continued growth and success.





16AAA Title Marks Climax to AAA Play



Senior defensive man Steve White stands on the goal line trying to stop Kerrville's march to victory.



A simple toss of a coin—it opened the first championship season for the Panthers in 14 years—it won the right for the Panthers to host the regional contest only to lose in the closing minutes with an 8-7 score against Kerrville Tivy.



Looking for running room Panther Steve Henson cuts a sharp turn on the soggy Barbee Field turf as two Kerrville Antler lineman move in for the tackle in the Regional championship contest. A

steady drizzle and cold weather marred the game which was not won until Kerrville scored on a final desperation drive to kill Panther hopes for further progress.



Desperately reaching for one of the few passes in the regional championship against Kerrville is halfback George Cardenas, as Kerrville player looks on.

Panthers Advance To Playoff, Lose

In the regional playoff the Panthers dominated the game, only to be stung by the Kerrville Antlers in a drive that put the final score at 8-7. The Panthers missed further competition.

The Panthers scored on a 44 yard drive, which included a 18 yard pass to Randy Talbert from quarterback Roy Parker. Climaxing the drive was fullback Bruce Barker on a one yard plunge. George Cardenas' point after try was good. The Panther defense was a factor in containing the Antler offense in three quarters.

The Antler touchdown followed a Panther fumble on the Antler 19 to end what looked like a win clinching Panther drive. Eighteen plays and 85 yards after the Panther fumble the Antlers scored on a three yard plunge. With 3:37 remaining in the game the Antler quarterback swept around left end and pushed across the goal line for the one point difference.

The Panthers came back on a final desperation drive but lost the ball on a pass interception.



Members of the '69 district 16AAA championship team are bottom row, Steve White, Marvin Conner, Rene Garza, Mike

Vasquez, Sergio Delgado, Hector Benitez, Roy Parker, Bobby Bullion, Steve Henson, George Cardenas, Sam Gamez, and Raul

1969 VARSITY FOOTBALL RECORD

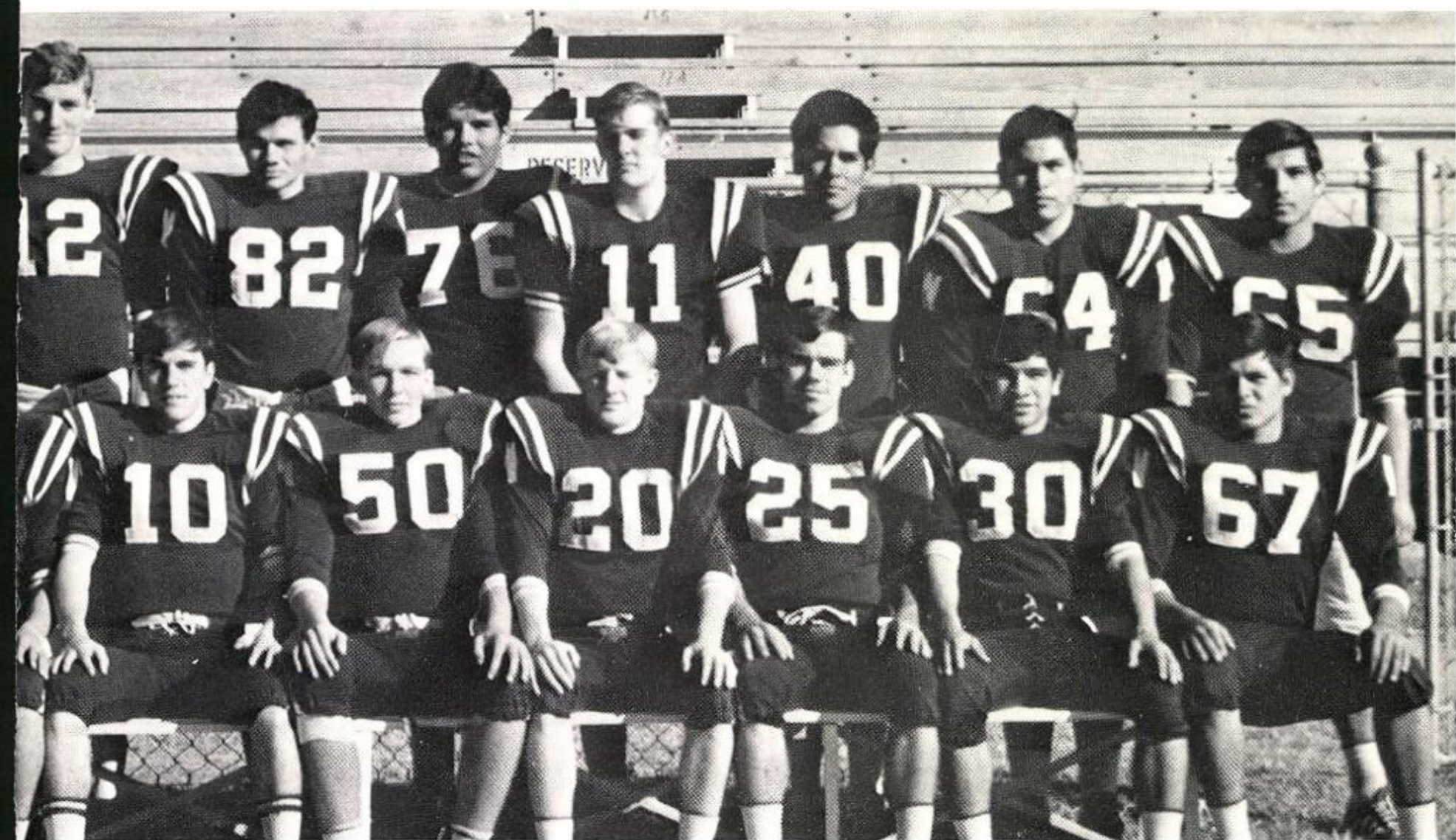
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District Rank: First

WE	OPPONENTS	THEY
14	San Benito	0
12	Harlingen	20
19	Brownsville	40
*14	Falfurrias	7
*18	Rio Grande	2
*20	Mercedes	0
*20	Edcouch-Elsa	0
*26	Mission	0
*26	Donna	0
*48	Raymondville	11
** 7	Kerrville	8

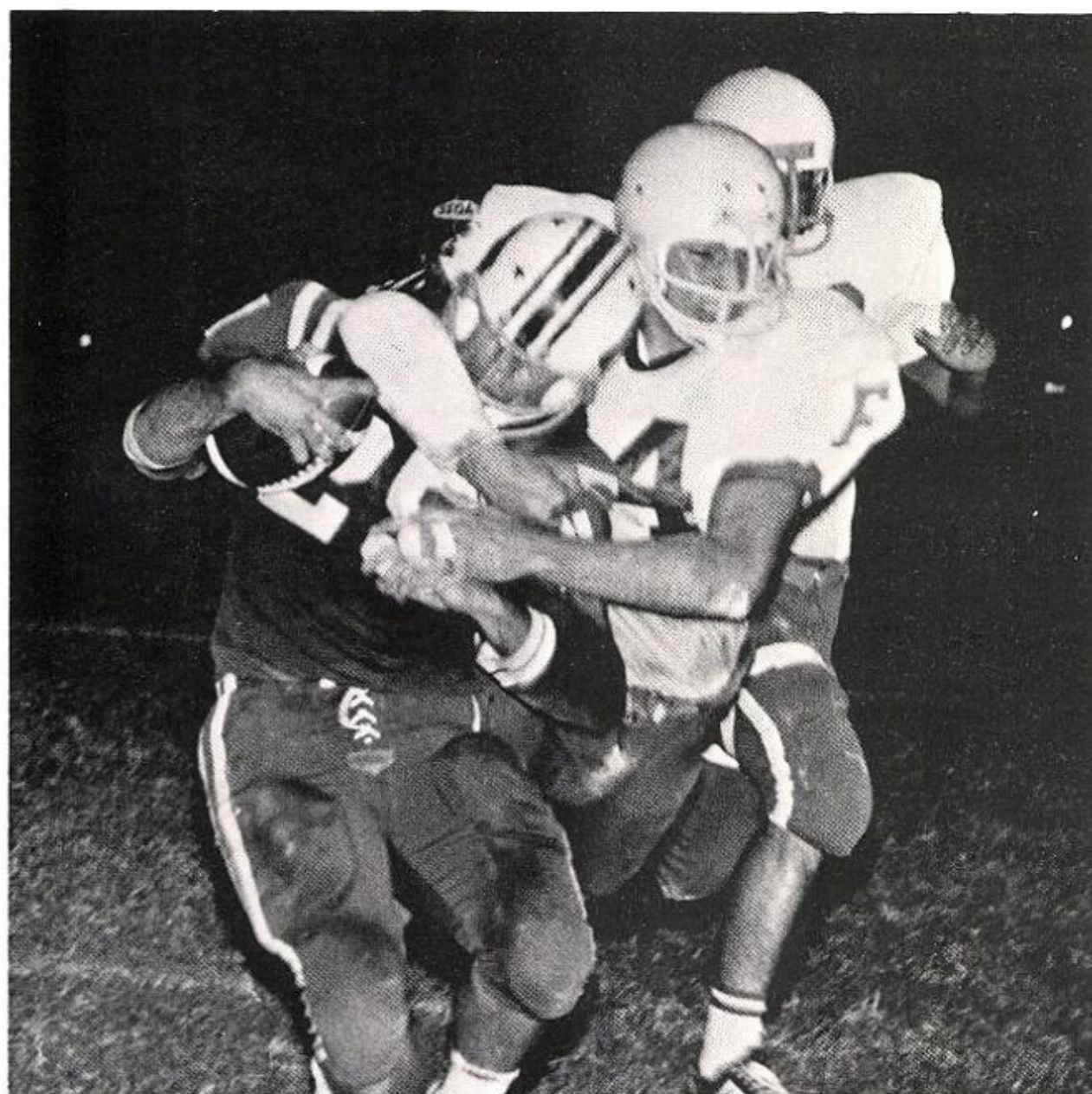
** Regional Game

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Villarreal. Top row, Robert Sifuentes, George Rohr, Ruben Ortega, Hector Montalvo, Steve Harbison, Bruce Barker, Randy

Talbert, Eliboro Saenz, Thomas Vela, Alan Davis, Raul Rios, Carlos Vasquez, and Albert Gracia.



An effective stop is put to scampering halfback George Cardenas during the Fulfurrias game, the Panthers' district opener.

Panthers Hold Five To Nil Scoring

The Panther defense led by Mike Vasquez, a member of the all state second team was able to hold five opponents scoreless. The Panther offense was able to rush for 3,018 yards during the season.

Leading the Panther ground attack was junior back, Bruce Barker, with 1,066 yards. Senior halfback Steve Henson rushed for a total of 677 yards, and became a member of the all district first team. George Cardenas, senior halfback, supplemented the rushing attack with 860 yards.

The Panther pass attack accumulated 294 yards, having completed 14 of 60 attempted passes. The Panther offensive unit racked up 224 points throughout the season, and scored 171 points in district play.

Named to the first team all-district offensive and defensive units were, Randy Talbert, Steve Henson, Mike Vasquez, and George Cardenas. Named to the second all-district teams were Bruce Barker and Steve White. Panthers receiving honorable mention were Roy Parker and Hector Benitez.



Picking-up extra yardage after a pass interception is Panther player Steve Henson who heads up field toward a Donna offensive player.

In this district clinching victory the Panthers held the Redskins scoreless, while scoring 26 points.

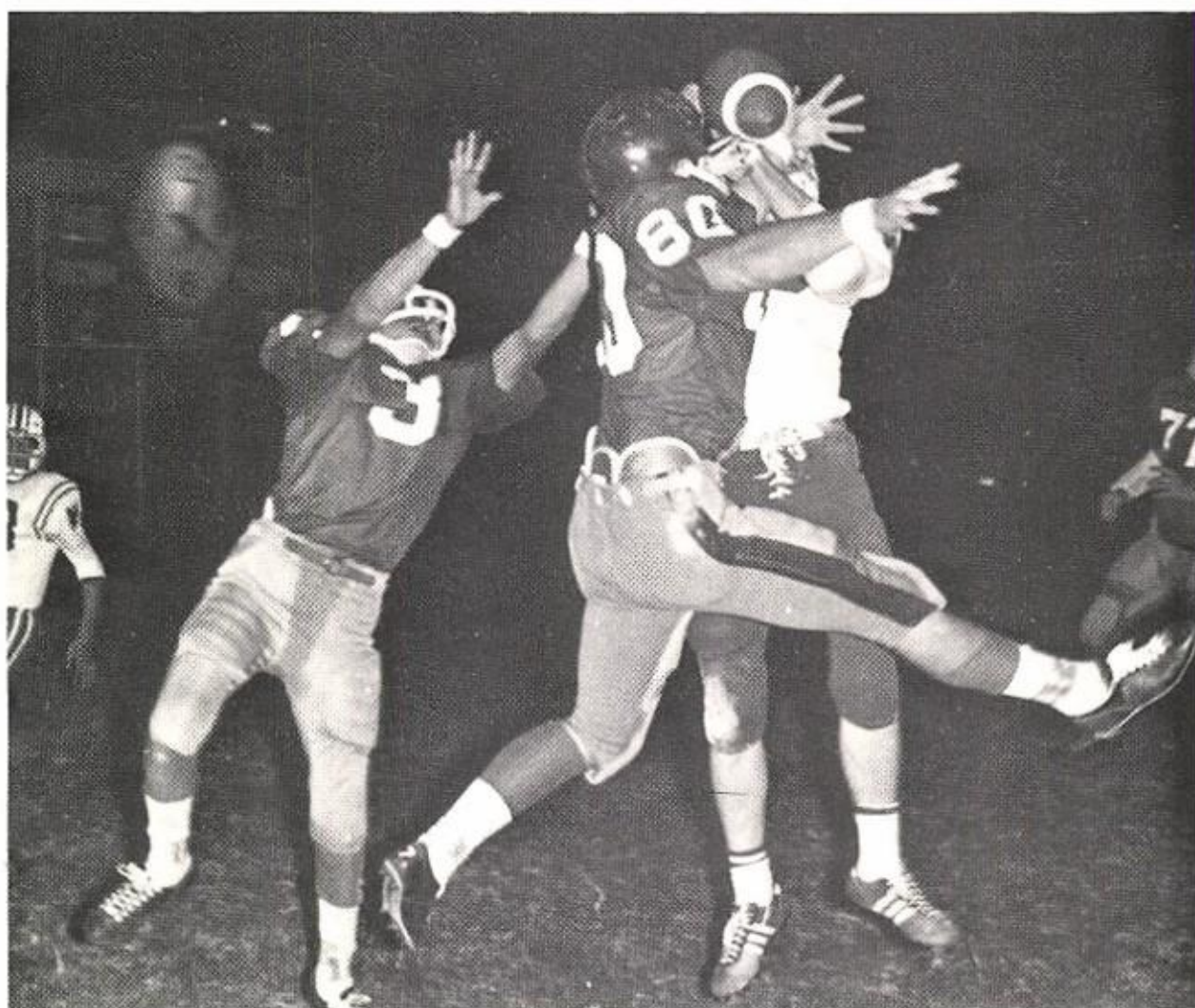
Defeat of Redskins Cinches AAA Title

Defeat of Donna with a whopping 26-0 score, cinched the 16 AAA title for the Panthers and through the defeat of the Raymondville, 48-11, put the final period on the regular 1969 season.

Played in icy cold weather, before a capacity crowd at Redskin stadium, the Panthers left their 16AAA foes trailing behind. The only thing to be settled was whether WHS shared the championship with Mission, or left them in second place.

Two touchdowns in the first quarter, both Roy Parker to Randy Talbert passes, set the Redskins so far back on their heels they never completely recovered, though the scrappy Indians never let the Panthers let up for a minute. The same combo worked also for a third td in the third quarter.

Final warm up for the icy night was Bruce Barker's 23 yard race for the fourth and final score.



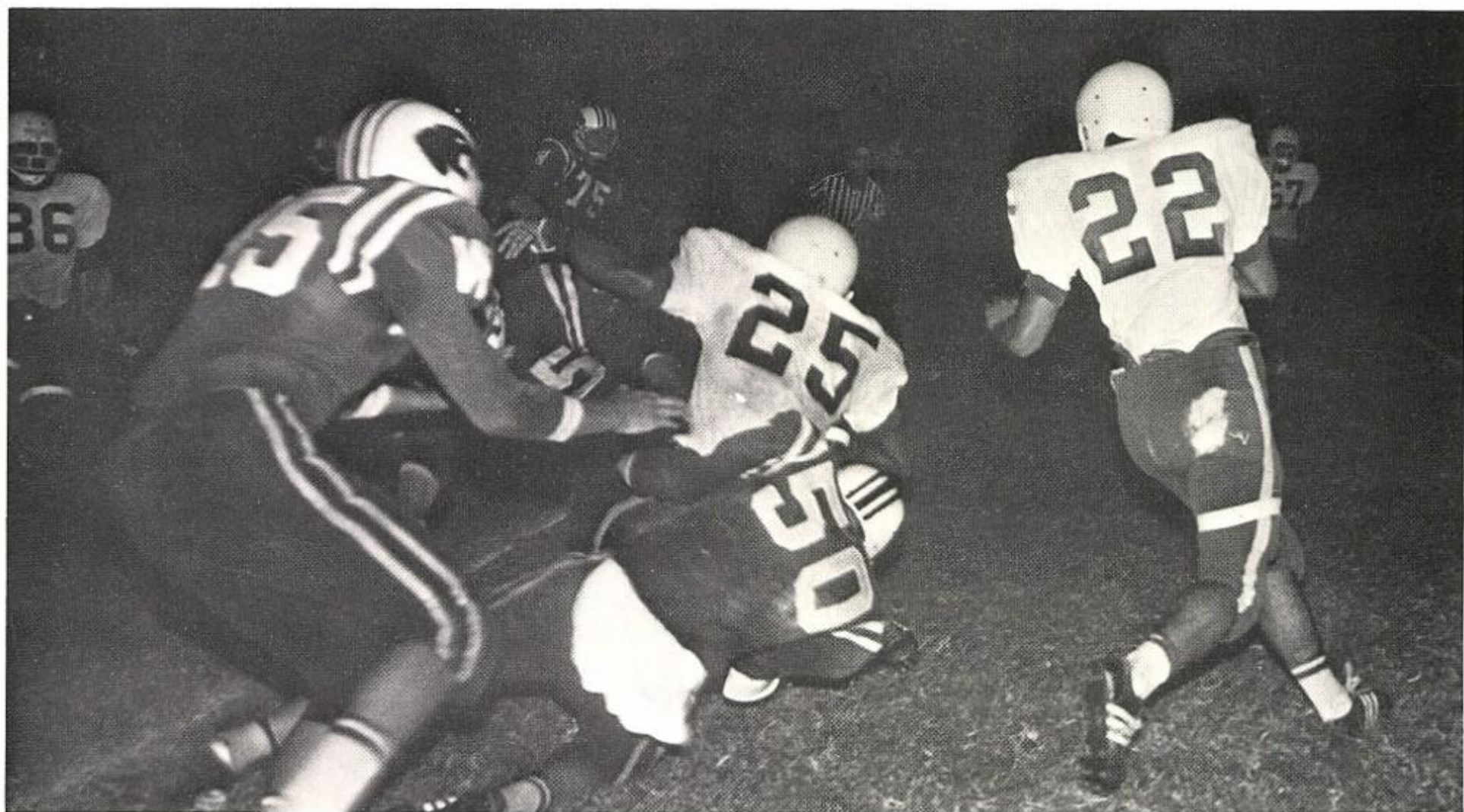
Frantically two Redskins and an unidentified Panther player go up for the pigskin which fell uncompleted, as Panther end Jesus Hernandez looks on.

Players, Pep Squad, Fans Jam Field After Win



Fans, Pep Squad members, and parents joined in one hysterical happy mass on the football field following the Donna game which gave the big boost toward the district title. With the 26-0 victory,

the Panthers assured themselves of advancing into the playoffs, and with a win the following week would capture the district championship.



Shirt tail flying, Bobby Bullion hauls M.L. Best of Falfurrias after a pass interception. In on the play was George Cardenas. Of all district opponents Falurrias proved to give the Panthers the

hardest fight as the Panthers just managed to squeeze by 13-7 in the first week of district competition.



Diving for a pass catch is a Mission Eagle as an unidentified defensive Panther player looks on. The Eagles, last year's district representative to the playoffs and fellow co-champs with the

Panthers, were held scoreless by the Panther defensive unit while the offense scored 26 points, as the Panthers marched on the district championship, their first in 14 years.



Being brought to a grinding halt is halfback Steve Henson as two opposing defensive men hang on to try to pull him down. Henson was named to the all-district team.

Eagles Fall Down Before Panthers

Defeating the district representative from last year, the Mission Eagles, by a 26-0 put the Panther conference record 5-0. Steve Henson put six points on the board for the Panthers in the first period. Cardenas touchdown came after a 38-yard-gainer to the Eagles four yard line. During the fourth quarter Bruce Barker scored two touchdowns and two points after one of his own touchdowns.

After losing quarterback Roy Parker in the Jacket game, Randy Talbert came in and lead the Panthers to victory. With a scoreless first period, Randy Talbert scooted 57 yards for a touchdown. Later on another bootlegg Talbert ran 82 yards for a second touchdown, and added two points following the td. On a one-yard plunge by Sam Gamez gave the Panthers their final 20-0 lead.



Scrambling for the loose ball in the district game against the Mission Eagles is senior halfback Steve Henson and two Eagle defensive players. Henson scored the first touchdown of the game

and led the Panthers on to a 26-0 victory over the Eagles, last year's district representative in the playoffs. This was the Panthers fifth conference win.



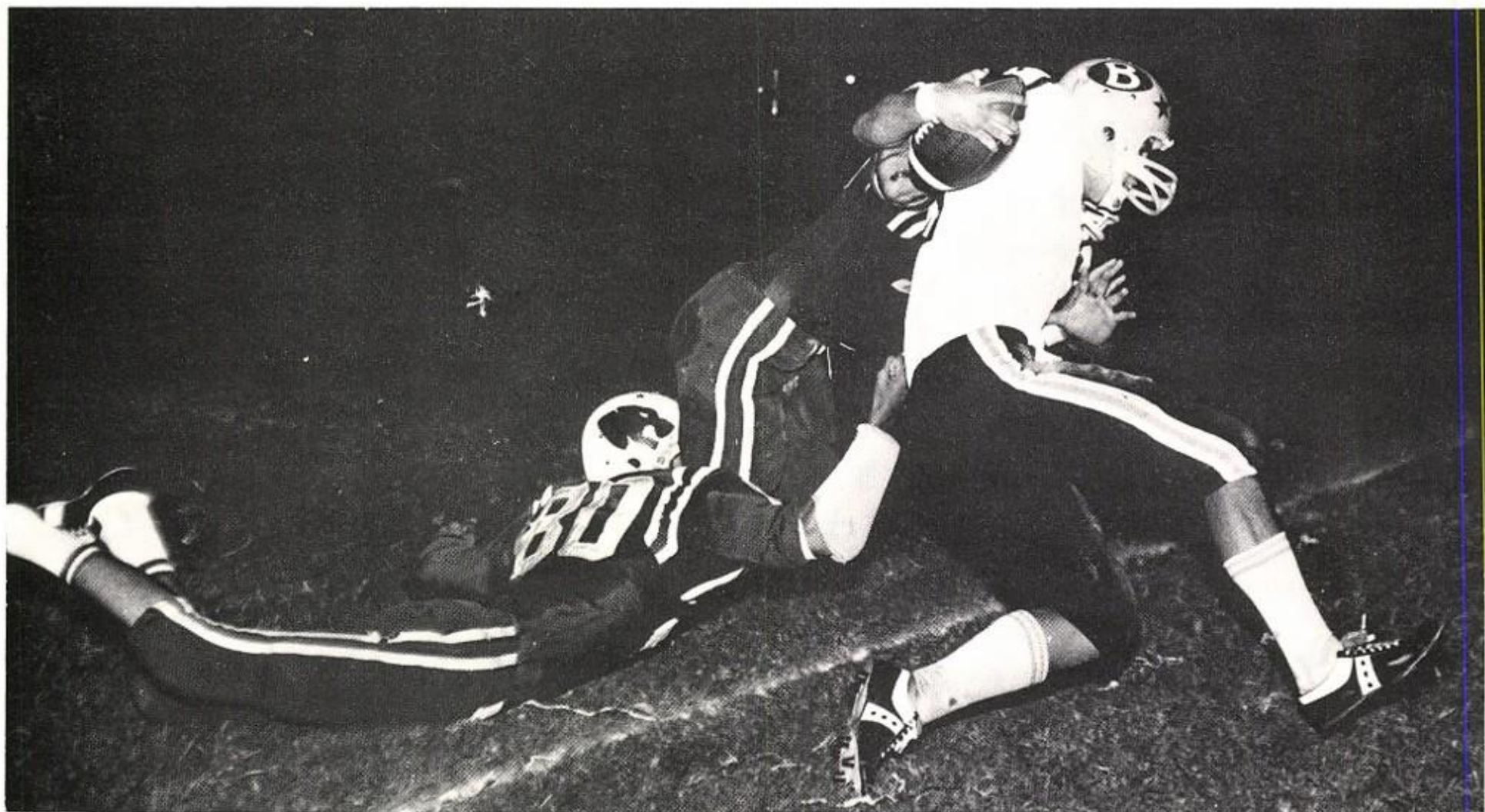
Excellent defensive pursuit is demonstrated by the Panther defense against the Mission Eagles. The defense, which made a habit of holding teams scoreless, did the same to the Eagles while

the offense went to work scoring 26 points. During district competition the defense held all seven opponents to a total of 20 points, while the offense scored 171 points.



Skillfully breaking on a sweep is Panther halfback George Cardenas as he leaves the opposing Mercedes Tigers and fellow teammates in the background. In the opening half both teams fought to a 0-0 deadlock, but in the second half the offense broke

the ice scoring 20 points while the defense held on to give the Panther homecoming crowd the enjoyment of seeing the Panthers drop the Tigers, 20-0.



Clinging on to a Brownsville running back's jersey is defensive cornerback Hector Benitez as he is assisted by an unidentified Panther. Brownsville went on to win their district crown, as did 110/Sports

the Panthers. The game of eventual district champions saw Brownsville come out on top.

Homecoming Sees Tigers Fall 20-0

At Homecoming, the Panthers scored the first two times they had the ball in the second half. They defeated the Mercedes Tigers 20-0. Roy Parker climaxed a 64-yard drive with a scoring sneak for the first. George Cardenas and Steve Henson added two more. In the final quarter, Parker's pass to Talbert was the final.

In the clash against Falfurrias, the Panthers won 13-7. After an interception, the Panthers marched to score. George Cardenas made the extra. The second scoring play came when Henson broke for 52 yards. The point failed. The Jerseys scored on a 42 yard drive. The point was good.

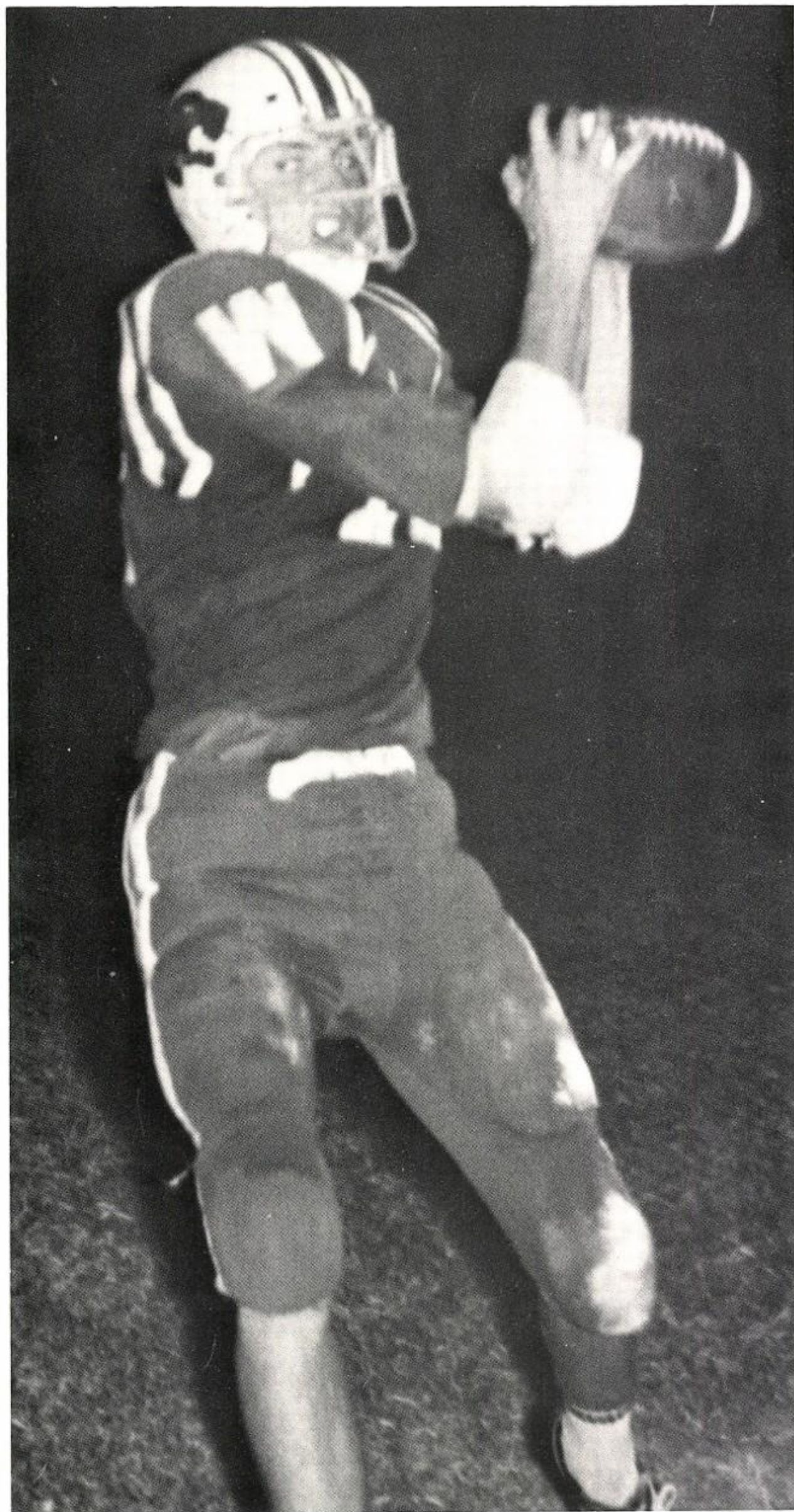
The second district clash saw the Panthers win 18-2 over Rio Grande City. The first touchdown came on a 46 yard run by Steve Henson. The extra point was good. Henson intercepted four passes. Cardenas ran 45 yards for a touchdown, again, the point was good. The Rattlers had two punts blocked resulting in two safeties for four more points.



Downed Panther quarterback Roy Parker seems to shout back advice to teammate Randy Talbert who is being brought to a halt by a Mercedes Tiger after an end around play in the Homecoming game Oct. 24. Also joining on the action is Panther Hector

Montalvo, No. 75. Sweeping the ends and using pass plays helped the Panthers break a first half scoreless deadlock and march on to a 20-0 victory in the third district game of the season.

Panthers Waltz Past San Benito, Fall to Cardinals



Gripping this pass completion from quarterback Roy Parker, Randy Talbert was able to set up a Panther touchdown. Talbert for the season caught 11 passes for 235 yards and five touchdowns.

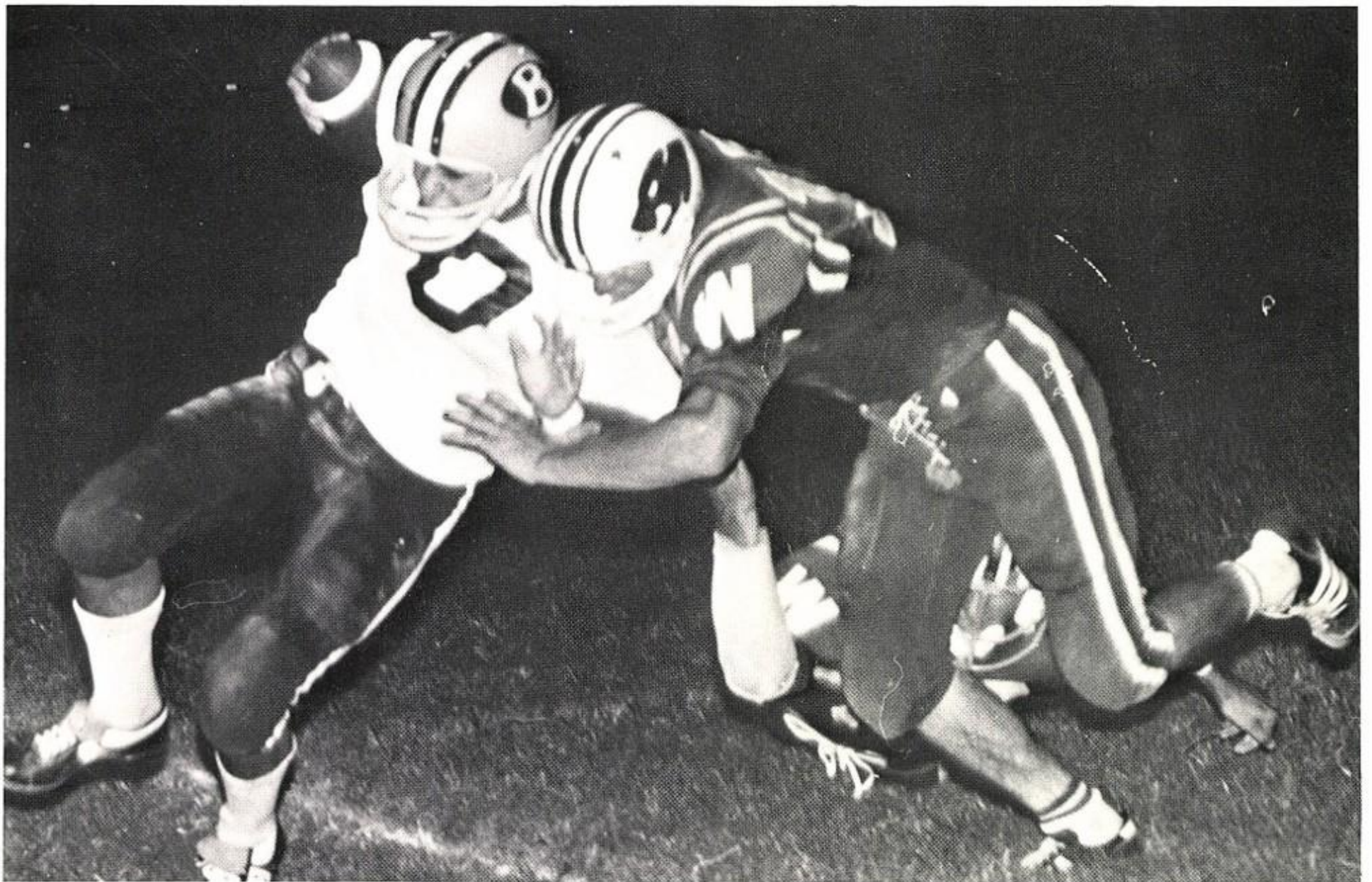


Action in the Brownsville game saw Bruce Barker punch across for a Panther score and Roy Parker (right) put a stop to the Eagle running game.

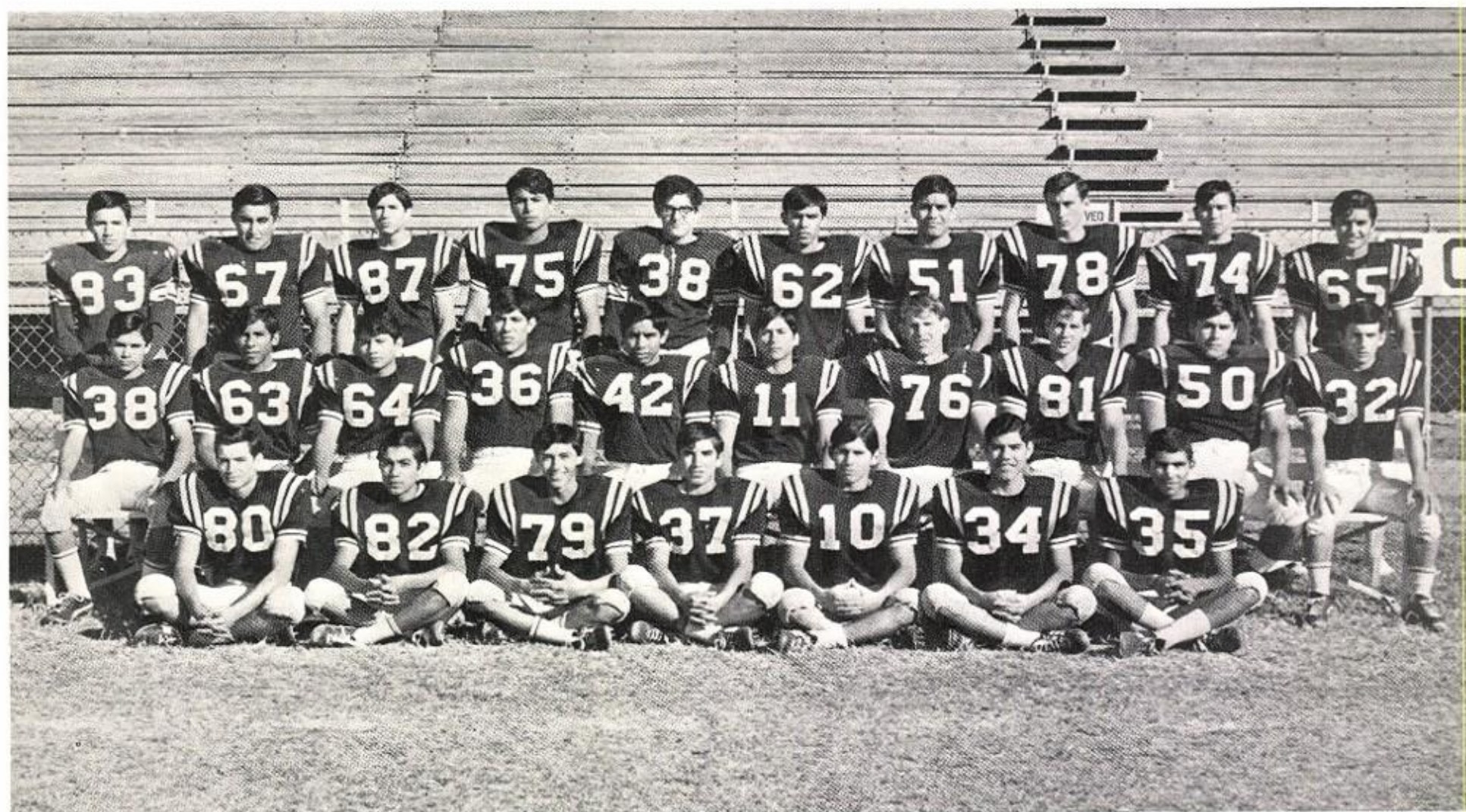
Season Play Opens In WHS Victory

In the first non-conference open the Panthers waltzed past San Benito 14-0. The game broke in the third quarter when Talbert intercepted a Greyhound pass on the Panthers 48, and scampered up-field. Cardenas kicked the first of the two extra points. Barker wrapped up the scoring when he blasted up the middle for 32 yard touchdown.

The Panthers trailed 12-7 midway through the third quarter and never caught up as the Cardinals won 20-12.



B-Team Captures District Crown



Players on the '69 B-team which captured the district crown are, bottom row, Florio Esparza, Javier Lopez, Ruben Sanchez, Zeke Reyna, Jaime Pena, Marcelo Villarreal, and Mike Givilanez. Second Row, Rolando Castaneda, Tony de la Rosa, Francisco San Roman, Pablo Leal, Hector Zamora, Ignacio Marquez, Brian King, Terry

Oldham, Daniel Torres, and Ruben Cuellar. Top Row, Hector Garcia, Domingo Briones, Richard Gonzales, Pedro Garcia, Luis Benites, Gilbert Cruz, Anthony Covacevich, Joe Teran, Joe Ramirez, and Rafael Cantu.



B-Team Rates Undeclared

Like the varsity team, the Panther B-team went undefeated through district play to come out of competition as District champions. Displaying powerful offensive and defensive units, the B-team managed to keep four district opponents scoreless while pouring on the points. District play saw the B-team beat Falfurrias, 23-0, Rio Grande City 40-0, Mercedes 23-17, Edcouch-Elsa 29-0, Mission 27-6, Donna 27-0, and Raymondville.

Sweeping around the end against the Donna B-team is an unidentified Panther back. Joe Ramirez, No. 74, also joins in on the action.



B-team coach Boone Wilkening and players come together to discuss strategy during the Donna Game. The B-team went on to win the game 27-0, clinch the district crown and maintain a

perfect 7-0 district record. The B-teamers also managed to keep four district opponents scoreless. Assistant coach Larry Luedtke, left, also joins in on the session.



Freshman football players for the '69 season are, bottom row, Juan Serna, Eddie Reyes, John Balli, Barry Dickerson, and Glen Martin, Middle row, Ricky Sepulveda, Gilbert Rodriguez, Leo Rodriguez, Ernesto Mata, Ramiro Avila, Victor Rios, Isidoro

Nieto, Johnny Trevino, David Benitez, Ruben Delgado, and Javier Paz, back row, Roel Campos, David Medrano, Manuel Castillo, Daniel Leal, Carlos Vela, Wat Thurmond, Bob Hinners, Jack Hales, Buddy Silva, Noe Rico and Juan Briones.



Varsity basketball players are (front row) Richard Wells, Marcello Villarreal, Keith Leamer, Steve Henson, Mike Pullen (back) Randy

Talbert, Tommy Barker, Mike Vasquez, and Bruce Barker.

Capture of Crown Is Highlight

Capturing the district basketball crown, and having one of its players named to the second all-state basketball team were the highlights of the '70 Panther basketball season. Finishing the regular basketball season tied with Edcouch-Elsa for first place, the Panthers were forced into a one game sudden death playoff, which the Panthers took, 76-67. The Panthers then advanced to meet the Kerrville Tivy Antlers, eventual state champs, in the playoff game. In this game the Antlers finally pulled away to down the Panthers, 90-77.

Sophomore sensation, Thomas Barker was the only Panther named to the all-district first team, and then was further honored by being named to the second all-state team.

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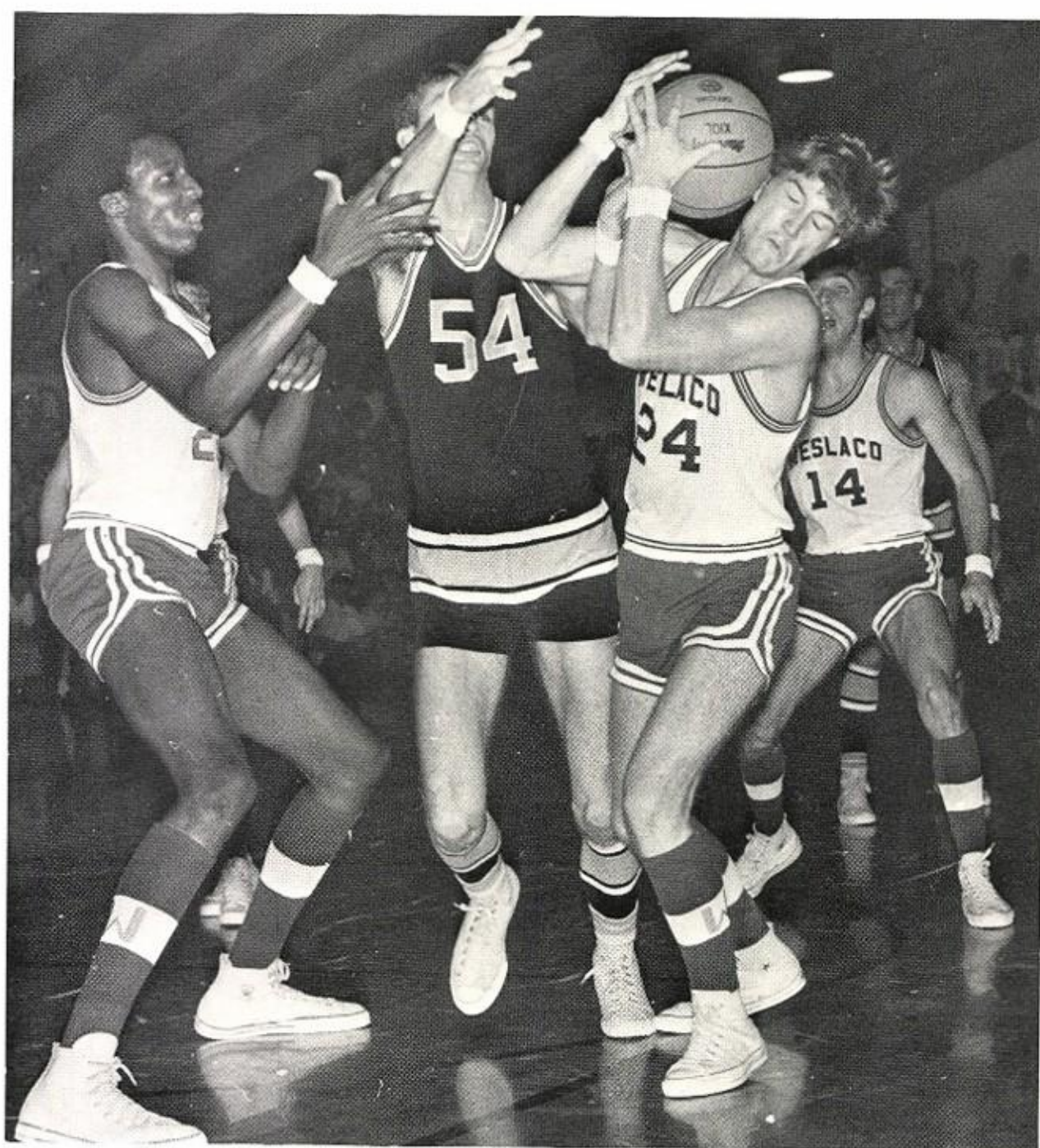
Season Record

	We	They		We	They
Edinburg	53	62	Clear Creek	42	98
Marine Military Academy	73	36	Baytown Lee	47	65
Marine Military Academy	69	60	*Rio Grande City	73	63
Harlingen	67	68	*Rio Grande City	60	37
Harlingen	95	51	*Rio Grande City	89	55
Brownsville	51	60	*Falfurrias	69	26
Brownsville	36	44	*Falfurrias	95	32
PSJA	67	45	*Edcouch Elsa	66	70
PSJA	77	58	*Edcouch Elsa	71	67
McAllen	74	36	*Edcouch Elsa	76	67
McAllen	59	55	*Mercedes	87	49
San Antonio			*Mercedes	104	40
Lee	56	52	*Donna	92	26
Houston MacArthur	56	54	*Donna	107	55
			*Raymondville	91	51
			*Mission	82	53
			*Laredo United	82	69
			*Kerrville	77	90

Roundballers Win AAA Title, Too



Tommy Barker outdoes a Mission player.



Panther Richard Wells successfully steals the ball from Yellowjacket, Keith Keepers. The Yellowjackets were Weslaco's biggest rival for the district crown. The Panthers played Edcouch-Elsa four times during the season. They were victorious three times, including the big one, the district playoff.



B-team basketball players include (front row) Pete Marshall, Billy Gossett, Hector Montalvo, Bryan King, Bobby Pratt, (back) Tony de la Rosa, Javier Lopez, Mike Givilanez, Juan Valderaz, Ignacio Marquez, and Florio Esparza.

Baseball Season Is Cliffhanger



Panthers on the '70 District 16AAA runnerup team are front row, Hector Garcia, Jaime Pena, Ruben Quintanilla, Zeke Reyna, Ernesto de la Garza, Hector Rodriguez, Herman Rodriguez,

standing, Bobby Bullion, Roy Parker, Pete Marshall, Randy Talbert, Mike Vasquez, Steve Henson, Joe Martin, Joe Ramirez, and Ramiro Gonzalez.

Volleyball Girls Enter Tourneys

Not until the final week of the 1970 season was the 16AAA baseball district championship decided when the Panthers fell to Mission, 4-0, and thus settled for second place.

Through out the season the Panthers used the pitching of Roy Parker and Hector Garcia to maintain a district record. David Williams is coach.

This year the volleyball team participated in two tournaments. They lost to Mission and beat Edcouch-Elsa twice which placed them second. The girls also officiated for girls physical education intramural volleyball games.



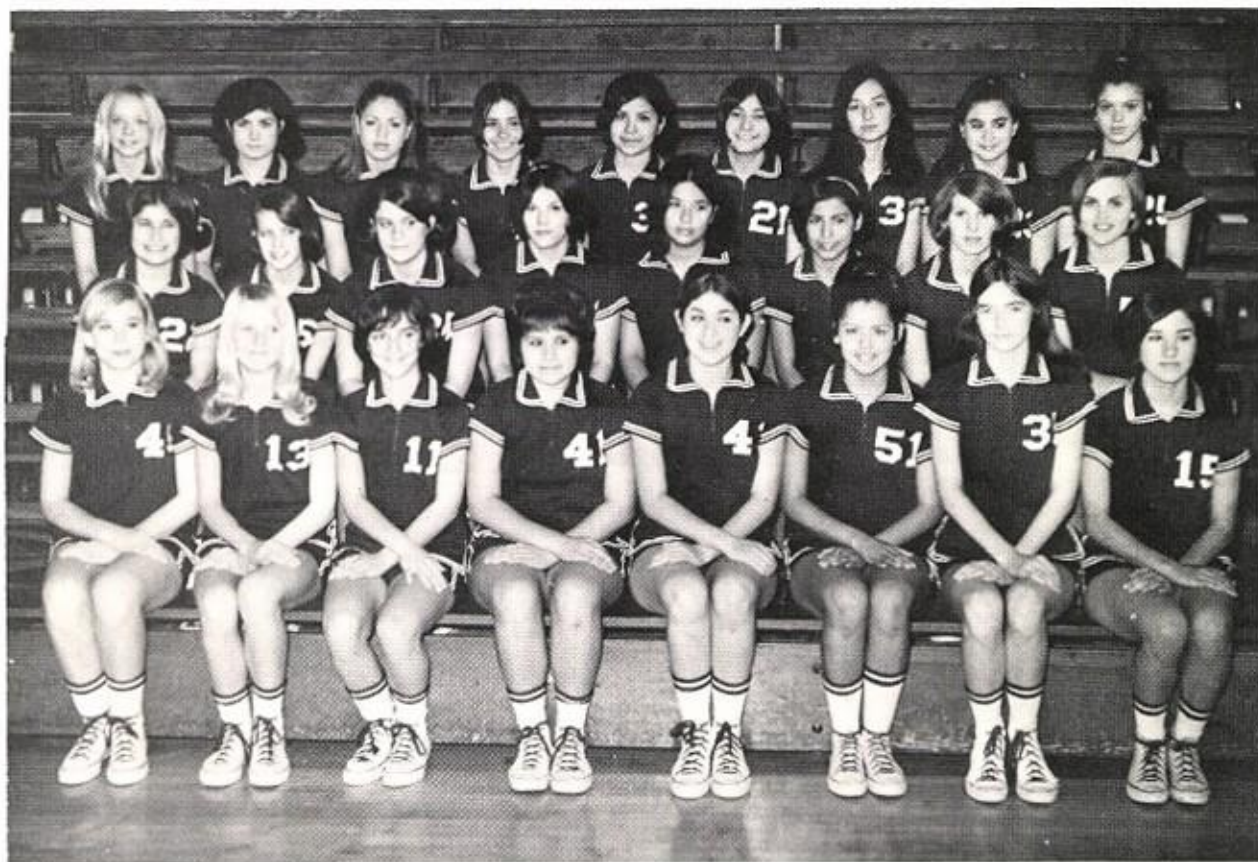
Volleyball Pantherettes for the '70 season are, bottom row, Kathy Payne, Debra Waddell, Kathy Dean, Diana Waddell, Jeannie Porter, Lupita Vasquez, top row, Annie Hernandez, Diana Espinoza, Cindy Eoff, and Leta Callaway.

Varsity Girls End AAA Play



Members of '69-'70 Pantherette varsity basketball team are Charity Oglevee, Kathy Payne, Melissa Frase, Debra Waddell, Nora

Woods, Kathy Dean, Diana Waddell, Rochelle Barker, Jeanie Porter, Annie Hernandez, Diana Espinoza, and Aide Castillo.



B-Team members are: (bottom) Phyllis Madden, Cindy Eoff, Leta Callaway, Lupita Vasquez, Rosie Mejia, Sylvia Garcia, Sandra Lacy, Minerva Escobar; (middle) Lesvia Lopez, Kathy Kelly, Laura Mundell, Imelda Baez, Gloria Ortega, Alicia Rivera, Laural King, Debbie Jones; (top) Beth Vance, Cristela Trevino, Minerva Lopez, Socorro Reynoso, Gloria Rios, Sandy Covacevich, Livia Ortega, Nora Cortez, Lupita Esparza.

Season Record

We		They
41	San Perlita	63
42	La Joya	12
28	Lyford	46
48	Rio Hondo	22
40	La Joya	20
56	Raymondville	36
33	Donna	45
31	Edcouch Elsa	42
54	Raymondville	36
54	Raymondville	35
36	Donna	55
37	Edcouch Elsa	58
47	Donna	53
42	Lyford	33
46	San Perlita	52
36	Edcouch Elsa	31
48	Raymondville	49
36	Donna	49
38	Edcouch Elsa	49
39	Raymondville	36
23	Donna	35
29	Edcouch Elsa	41
47	Raymondville	39
34	Donna	46
30	Edcouch Elsa	58

Girls Tracksters Team Places Second



Running on the '70 Pantherette varsity track team were, bottom row, Leta Callaway, Crystela Trevino, Cindy Eoff, Sandra Lacy, Minerva Lopez, Lupita Vasquez, and Kathy Kelly. Top row, Alicia

Rivera, Sylvia Barajas, Laural King, Jeannie Porter, Rochelle Barker, Barbara Lansford, Sylvia Garcia, Gloria Rios, and Laura Mundell.



Rochelle Barker Sparks Team

Rochelle Barker highlighted the 1970 VARSITY Pantherette track season as she won three first places at the girl's state track meet. At the state meet Rochelle won first places in the triple jump, 60 and 100 yard dashes. Here Rochelle broke her own state records. Rochelle had also previously broken the state records for the 60 and 100 yard dashes.

This year the varsity Pantherettes placed second in the district track meet, and sent eight girls to the regional meet. The eight Pantherettes qualifying for regional were Cindy Eoff, Laural King, Sandra Lacy, Laura Mundell, Alicia Rivera; Barbara Lansford, Jeannie Porter, and Rochelle Barker.

State champion Rochelle Barker shows her form on the blocks. Rochelle won three individual first places at the girl's state meet.



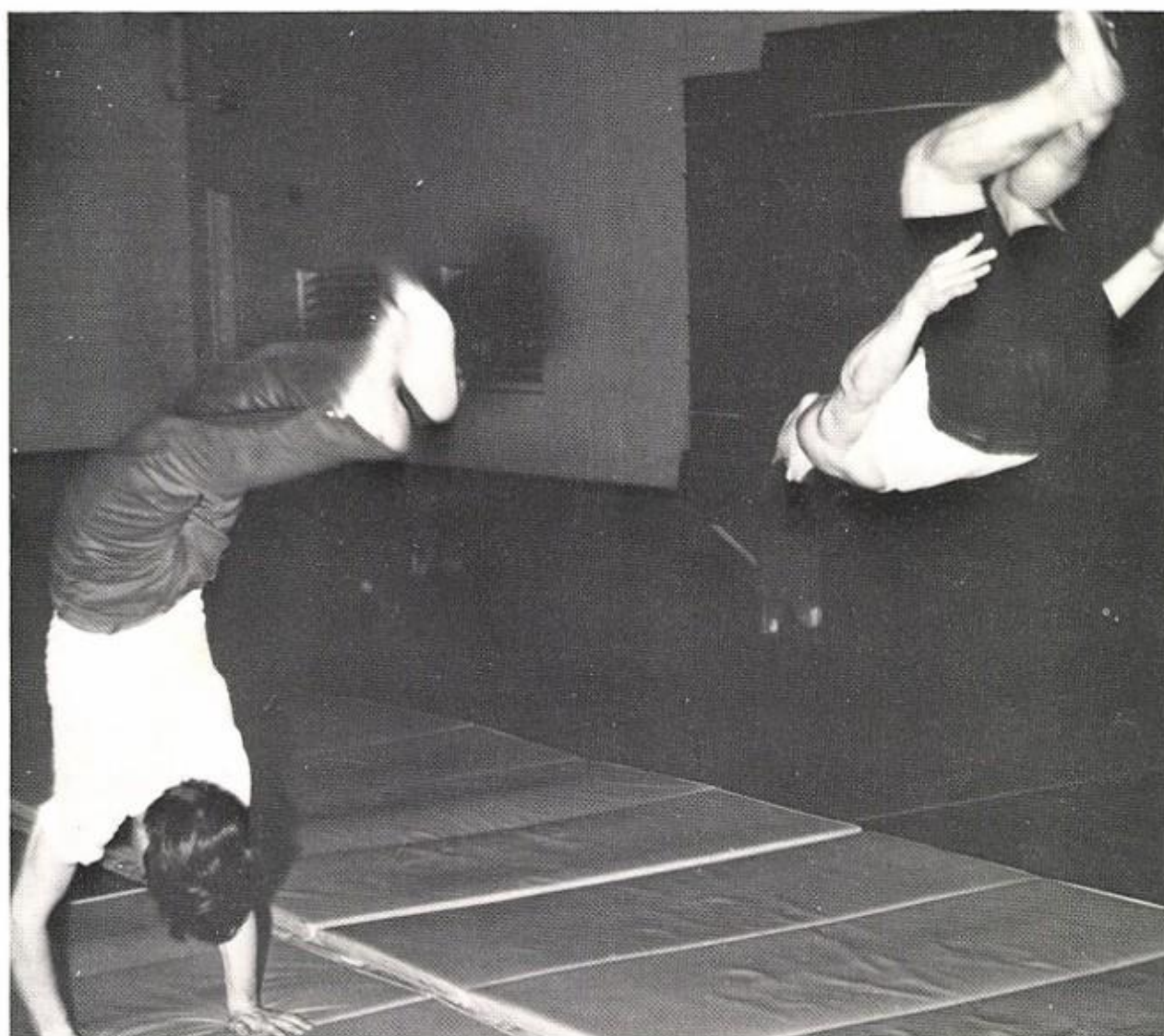
Specializing sporting activities at WHS this year included track, above, in which Bruce Barker shows his form and tumbling, left and bottom, which was a new sport at WHS this year.

Sports Involve Track, Tumbling

As spring rolled in so did some of the spring sports at WHS. This year the Varsity boys track team participated in various track meets, throughout the Valley. Even though the varsity failed to win any championships they were always close to the top. The Varsity team also sent three members to regional with Tommy Barker going in the high jump, Barry Dodd in pole vault, and Randy Talbert in hurdles. Dodd also participated in the state track meet.

Tumbling at WHS, this year was a new thing. The team, which at first was just for boys, provided half-time entertainment at the Varsity basketball games. Later in the year a girls team was also organized. Tumbling clinics were also put on by the teams.

Also new at WHS this year was the swimming program offered to both boys and girls in the physical education classes. Another of the spring activities involved the golf team which participated in various meets throughout the Valley.



Activities - -

In 1969-70, campus activities were available to suit the interests of every student who wished to join one.

For the musically inclined, there were the WHS Singers, band, and choir.

Those who desired to explore careers joined the Industrial Cooperative Training, the Distributive Education, or the Vocational Office Education job-training programs.

Those with spirit to spare for the various sports joined various teams or cheered them via the Pep Squad or cheerleading.

Students interested in politics served in the Student Senate or became officers of the various classes. Others learned about Latin American countries, their people, and customs through the Pan American Student Forum.

Another group, Press Club, was for those interested in communications, while the scientific-minded joined the Phi-Chem-Bi.

University Interscholastic League competition brought opportunities in persuasive speaking, poetry interpretation, typewriting, journalism, and other fields. Here, students brought WHS statewide recognition and earned chances for scholarships, at the same time.

Additionally, there were many less-structured activities for students and teachers to enjoy. The teachers formed an informal pep club at rallies for football games, and they sat in their own section. There were also such things as the Halloween Carnival, the Weslaco Anniversary Celebration, workshops, conventions, banquets, carwashes, the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, bake sales, and the social high point of the season, the Junior-Senior Prom.





Squad Whips Up Game Spirit With Signs



Looking at one of the many back-the-Panthers speeches is the Pep Squad during the pep rally before the Mercedes game. Intense

rivalry is what brought about the signs rallying the Panthers by the baseball, tennis, and golf teams.

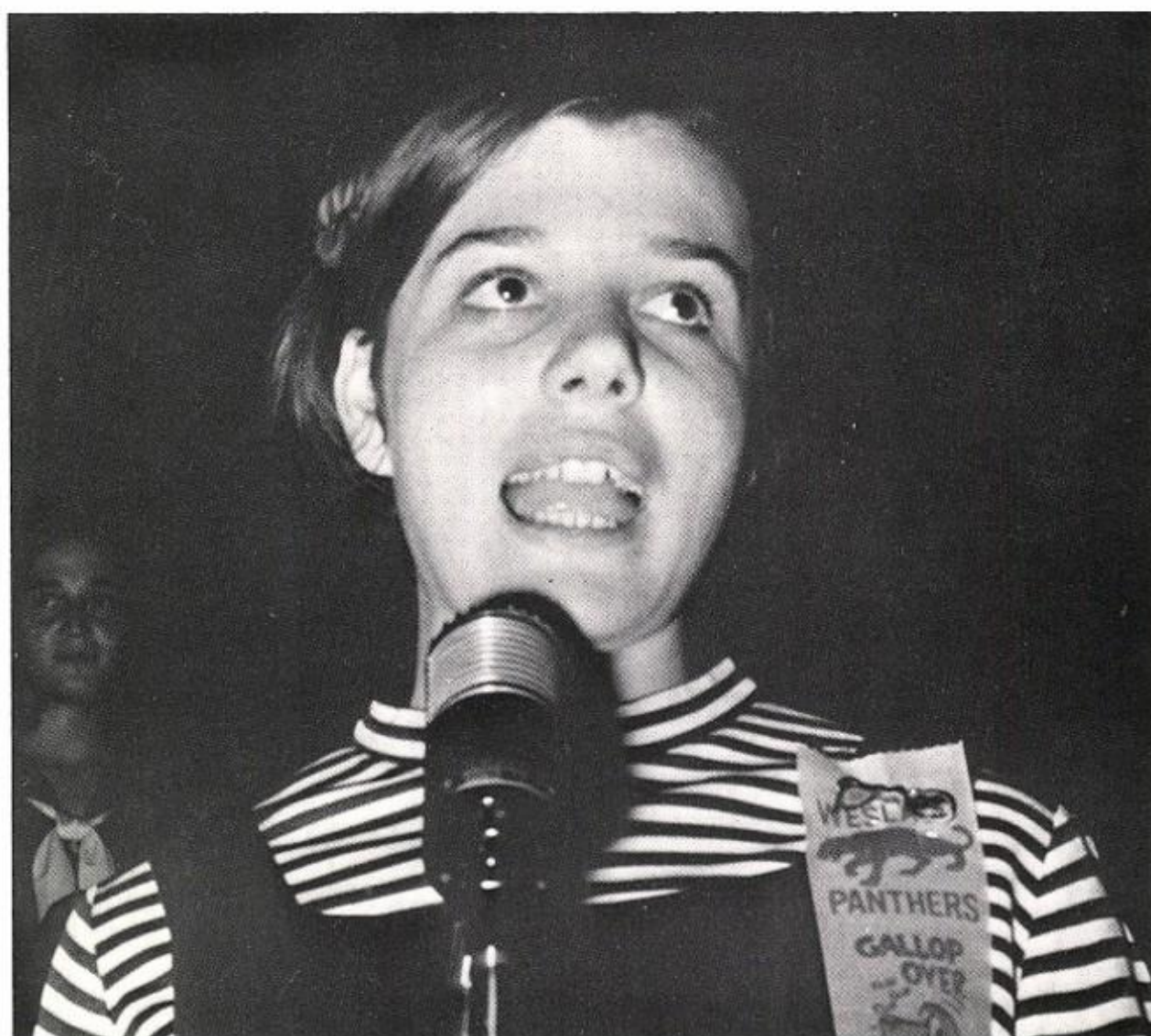
150 Yelling Girls Tell Enthusiasm

Put together 150 yelling girls dressed in purple and white uniforms and carrying pom poms, and the product is the 1969-70 Panther Pep Squad. The girls achieve their objective of promoting Panther spirit by painting signs, sponsoring downtown pep rallies, and yelling for the boys at games.

Pep Squad members sold pennants, decals, and ties to buy paint and paper to paint signs and decorate the campus in purple and white crepe paper. The group sponsored a banquet at the WHS cafeteria for the football players and coaches.

Mrs. Dessie Heald, Miss Rosario Rivera, and Miss Maria Villarreal are faculty sponsors while president Peggy Barnes, vice president Charity Oglevee, secretary, Debbie Sansing, treasurer Karen Lancaster, and Student Senate representative Emma Pinaldez are Pep Squad officers.

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Senior Peggy Barnes, Pep Squad president, conducts one of the meetings usually held Thursday afternoons during football season.



Rallying the Panthers to district championship were the varisty cheerleaders (kneeling) Marlee Whitley, Norma Linda Silva, head cheerleader, Julie Fernandez, (standing) Roxanne Frase, and Melissa Frase.

B-team cheerleaders, left, include (kneeling) Bonnie Solether, Rachel Rodriguez, Maricella Villarreal, (standing) Phyllis Madden, Laura Pickard, and Susan Barbee.



Weslaco Senior High Band Roster

PICCOLO

Eilers, Betty

FLUTE

Alaniz, Diana
Cantu, Magda
Castro, San Juanita
Chandler, Janis
Cummings, Sheri
Dawson, Jeannett
Gonzalez, Maggie
Hall, Cristi
Henry, Rose
Holman, Laura
Rogers, Debbie
Thormahlen, Sandra
Wolfe, Dorothy

Bb CLARINET

Briones, Connie
Cano, Silvia
Castillo, Geroge
Castro, Lionel
Cruz, Raul
Cardenas, Louisa
Fernandez, Linda
Garcia, Velma
Guajardo, Edna
Harrison, Pam

Henry, Liz Ann
Herrington, Kay
Huerta, Lucy
Metzger, Melody
Pena, Estela
Quintero, Alma
Rainey, Jackie
Steger, Martha
Walker, Ann
Wise, Gilda
Wolfe, Prescilla

ALTO CLARINET

de Leon, Virginia
Hernandez, Noelia

BASS CLARINET

Dickerson, Belinda
Gorhum, Robert
Lime, Bruce
Luera, Emma
Morgan, Kathy

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Anderson, Virginia
Davis, Gary
Martinez, Idolina
Ramos, Jose
Garcia, Rosie
Mora, Max

Pena, Pablo

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Henson, Dale
Roque, Juan

Bb CORNET

Alejandro, Ruben
Allen, John
Cantu, Richard
Diaz, Effrain
Garrett, Roy
Luna, Robert
McDaniel, David
Montano, Rolando
Steger, Jerry
Saldana, Sam

Bb TRUMPET

Rodriguez, Galindo
Wood, Jim

FRENCH HORN

Davis, David
Michalk, Tom
Ramirez, Armando
Seils, Tom

BARITONE HORN

Garcia, Hector
Garza, Arnold

Ramirez, Richard

Valdes, Ruben
Vargas, Jose

TROMBONE

Coonrod, Valerie
Jones, Stephen
Morgan, Ralph
Perez, Freddie
Rodriguez, Santiago

BASS

Bohmfolk, John
Correa, Rene
Edwards, Bruce
Gossett, Wayne
Mattar, Bill
Massey, Cleve
Massey, Neal
Schill, Lee

PERCUSSION

de la Cruz, Robert
Frantz, Steven
Meave, Robert
Meave, Rene
Mora, Elio
Petch, Randy

TYMPANI

Jenkins, Randy



Major, Twirlers Lead First Division Band



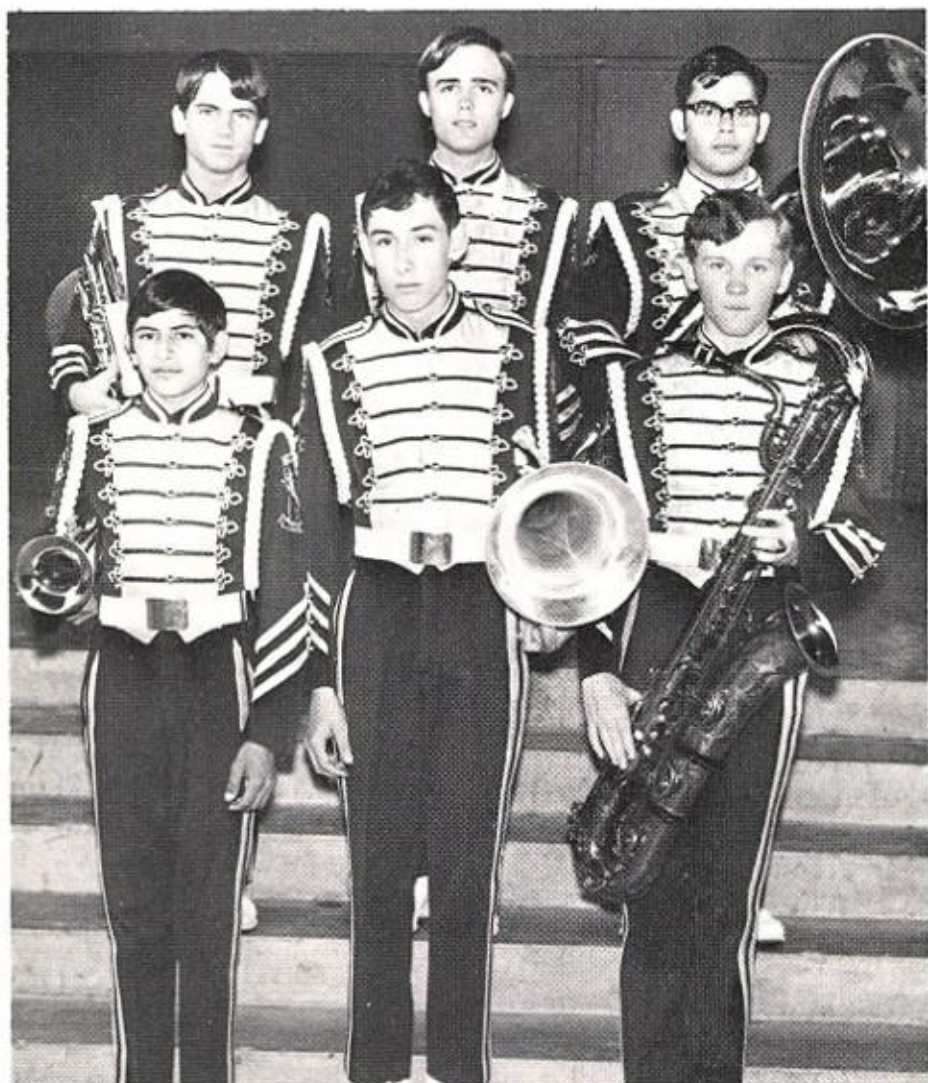
Leading the first division marching band are the drum majorette and twirlers. They presented special twirling routines at pep rallies and football games as well as at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. The girls are (kneeling) Rosie Garcia, band sweetheart; (standing left to right) Rose Marie Henry; Jackie Rainey; Janis Chandler, drum majorette; Kristi Hall, head twirler; Liz Ann Henry, and (center) Magda Cantu. The WHS Band came home from Six Flags Over Texas with the coveted top title. They competed with AAAA bands.

Band Wins Tops at Six Flags



Band members earning medals for their first division solos and ensembles were F. Perez, R. de la Cruz, R. Valdez, G. Rodriguez, D. Davis, E. Luera, V. de Leon, E. Pena, J. Rainey, E. Mora (second row) S. Jones, R. Petch, A. Ramirez, R. Cruz, J. Chandler, K. Hall, B. Ellers, V. Coonrod, B. Ramos, (third row) G. Davis, S.

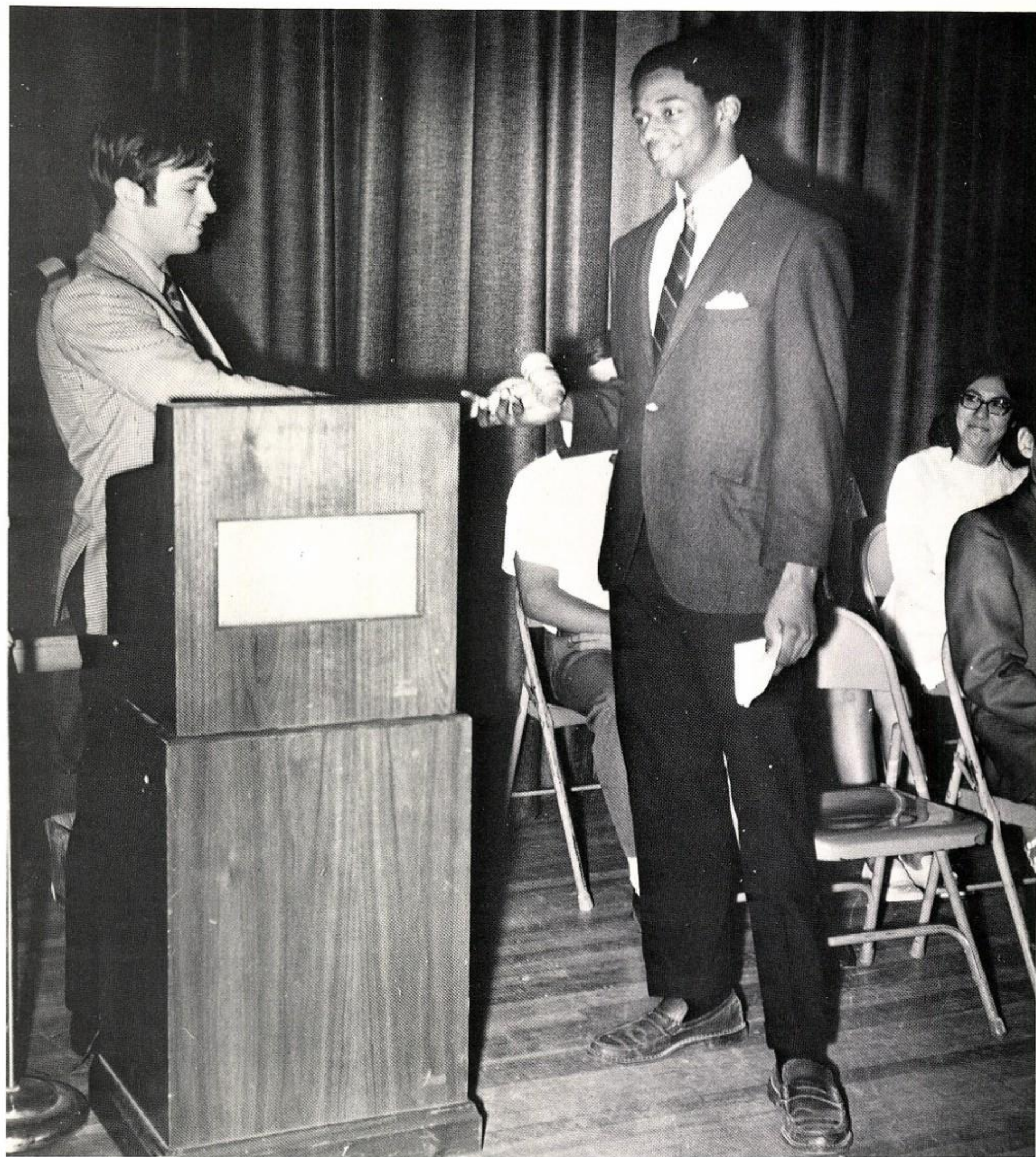
Frantz, R. Cantu, J. Dawson, J. Bohmfalk, R. Henry, L. Henry, L. Fernandez, S. Cummings, R. Gorhum, (fourth row) T. Michalk, R. Jenkins, L. Castro, R. Correa, G. Castillo, J. Allen, P. Pena, and D. Hansen.



Members of the All-Valley Band are (front) Galindo Rodriguez, Hector, Garcia, Dale Hansen, (back) Tommy Michalk, Gary Davis, and Rene Correa.



Seniors Ruben Valdez, and Linda Fernandez admire their new purple and white band jackets. The jackets are presented each year at a football game to all seniors.



Student Senate is composed of club representatives, class presidents, and class representatives, and elected officers.

This year, the Senate undertook several projects. These included revising the constitution, sponsoring dances, and Sadie Hawkins Day, and taking charge of the annual awards day assembly.

Officers for 70-71 were installed at the assembly, and (above) 1969-70

Senate president John Cain presents president-elect Bruce Barker the gavel. Also at this assembly, the group named Pan American Student Forum outstanding club on campus, and they presented a gift to the school. This year, they voted to cover expenses for the installation of an air-conditioner in the library.

Student Senate officers included: John Cain, president; Gary Davis, vice-president; Luanne

Thomson, secretary; Rosie Garcia, treasurer; Diane Wilson, corresponding secretary; Belinda Joaquin, devotional chairman; and Salvador Padilla, election chairman.

Class presidents who were members of the Senate included senior Diane Wilson; junior Bruce Barker, sophomore Arturo Chapa, and freshman Martha Steger. Boy and girl representatives from each class were also members.



Laughing here over the skit "School Days" are current NHS members Luanne Thompson, Liz Ann Henry, Karen Lancaster,

Diane Wilson and Norma Linda Silva. The skit was presented in February by the new members.



NHS treasurer Jerry Graham gives the formal speech at an assembly held for the installation of incoming NHS members. Eleven sophomores, juniors, and seniors were installed just before the Christmas holidays.

Tutoring Program Is New Project

This year, National Honor Society members initiated a tutoring program for WHS students. Club members were available weekday afternoons for one hour to assist students having difficulty in school subjects. In December, president Luanne Thomson installed 11 new members at an assembly for the student body. A formal banquet held at the end of the school year installed the group's officers for 1970-71.

Mrs. Amparo Cardenas is faculty sponsor for the group which is led by president Luanne Thomson, vice-president Joan Anderson, secretary Diane Wilson, treasurer Jerry Graham, and Student Senate representative Karen Lancaster.



Dipping apples at the homemaking department are sophomores Olivia Sanchez, Linda Alejandro, and Enedelia Perez. Money

raised went for the annual convention at Corpus Christi.



Senior Sugar 'n Spice members Esther McDaniel and Sonia Flores prepare scenery for the FHA Style Show. The event was held in September.

Chapter Members Blend Ingredients

FHA RECIPE: Blend turkey with dressing and baked ham; sprinkle with a dash of hay, divide the mixture in half and pour in two 9 x 12 cake pans. Serve with candy apples and cupcakes. What do you get? The Sugar 'n Spice and Anniversary versions of Future Homemakers of America, of course.

Activities for the Anniversary chapter include preparing both turkey and ham for the Louise Black School faculty Christmas dinner as well as going on a hayride to Sunrise Hill with Future Farmers. At the same time, the Sugar 'n Spice group attended state and area conventions which were financed by selling cupcakes and candy apples. The girls also make draperies and remodeled furniture for the principal's office.



A rare scene—journalists at ease. Taking a break for the traditional “line up and shoot ‘em” picture are Debby Verser, Joe Ramirez, Jørn Petersen, Darrell Maloy, Billy Gossett, Robert Sepulveda,

Keith Leamer, Nelson Mattar, Bill Couch, and co-editor Peggy Bradford.



One tangible reward for being editor is being awarded an official school letter and blanket. Here Hi-Life co-editors Rene Correa and Peggy Bradford and LaPalma editor Tania Knowles receive theirs at the spring awards assembly.

Press Activities Are Interrelated

Activities of Hi-Life, La Palma, Quill & Scroll, and the press Club are interrelated as curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Members of journalism classes make up the Hi-Life staff, members of the annual class and publications classes make up the La Palma staff, and membership in Quill & Scroll is made up of those from both staffs who earn special recognition in the honorary national group through meeting special qualifications. The Press Club includes these students, plus others interested in journalism. These groups, singly and collectively, are very active on campus.

This is the 46th year of publication for the Hi-Life, and almost the same for the La Palma (which skipped several years during the depression years and World War II.)



Members initiated in Quill and Scroll include (front row) Leonicia Matamoros, Kathy Engle, Julie Fernandez, and Laura Pickard; (second row) Joe Ramirez, Martha Ortiz, Elva Mora, Jennefer

Fortenberry, Tania Knowles, and Melody Metzger; (back row) Gary Rakestraw, Keith Leamer, Billy Gossett, Robert Sepulveda, Rene Correa, Peggy Bradford, Debbie Verser, and Cleve Massey.



Superintendent Otto and Mrs. Longlois are among special guests in Arturo's restaurant at the Press Club banquet.

Quill and Scroll, Press Club Active

The Press Club consists of students interested in the field of communications. This is the second year of existence on campus. Members of Hi Life and La Palma staffs form the major part of the membership, but all students interested in any phase of communication may join.

The year started out with a big covered dish dinner and a tour of

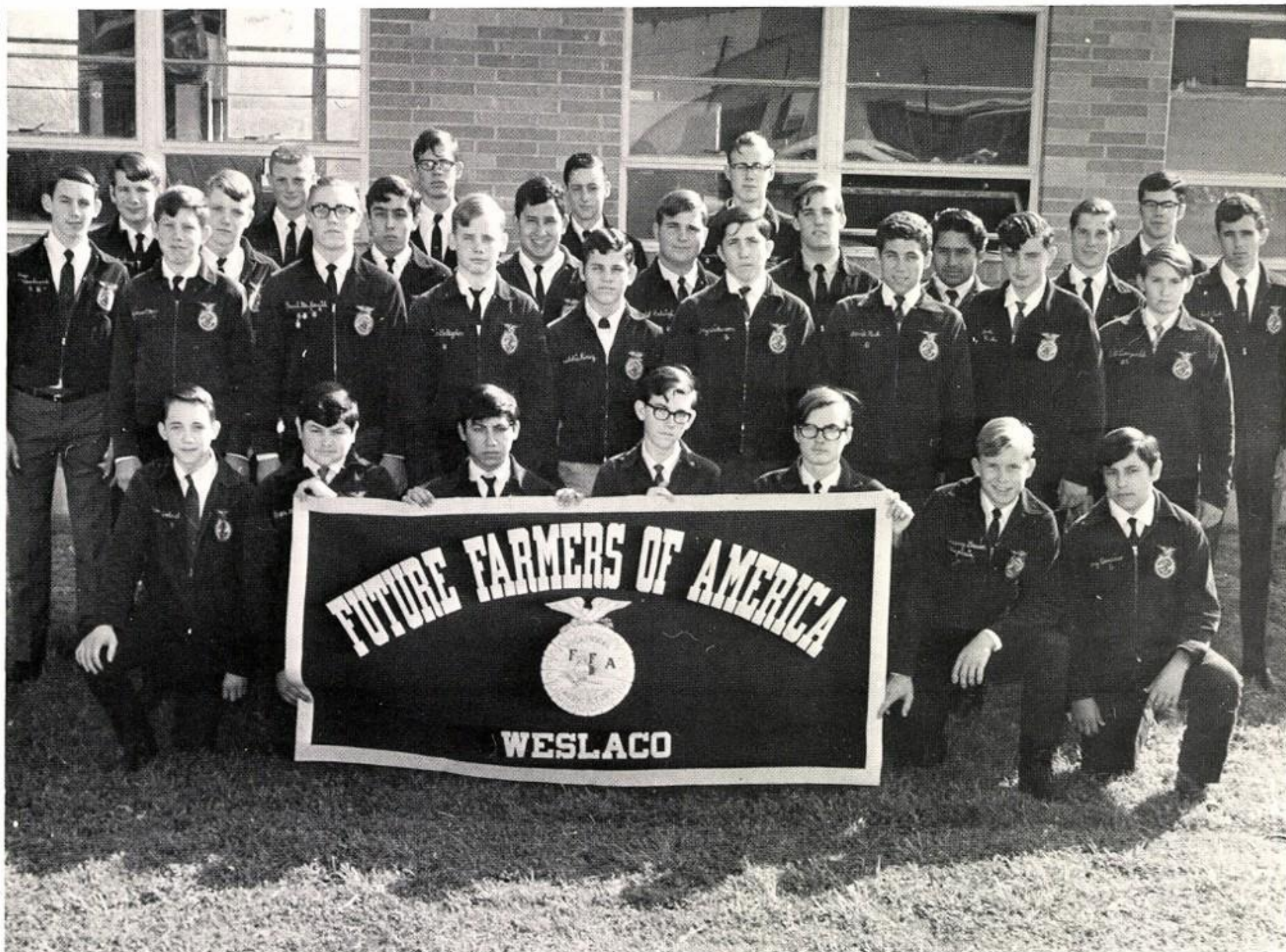
KRGV television station. The biggest social event of the year was the publications awards banquet held this year in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. The annual Quill and Scroll initiation ceremony was held with Mary Cortez presiding over the presentations. Other publications awards were made as well. Students working on various publications may qualify for this national honorary organization by



Joe Rivera accepts one of the many awards given at the banquet, and presented by Mrs. Andersen.

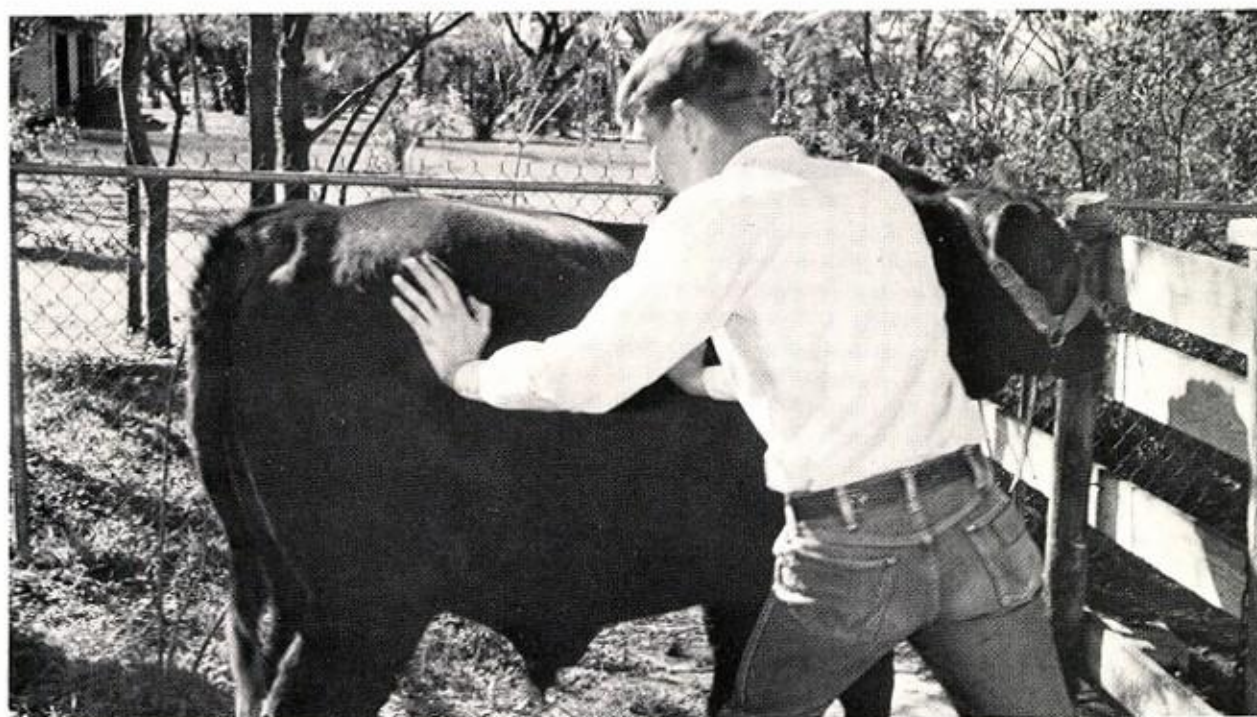
maintaining a required grade average and rendering special service through their published work.

Future Farmers Have Unusual Duties



Future Farmers of America club members are Warren Woodward, Jose Hinojosa, Frank Cancino, George Bryant, Tommy Parker, Jimmy Goesser, Johnny Cancino, James Etter, Paul McDaniel, Chris Gallagher, Freddie Perez, Barry Dickerson, David Heck, Albert Hanks, Bill Ciomperlik, Daye Woodward, Doral Harrison,

Camilon Cavazos, Juan Garza, Gerald Raleigh, Allen Davis, Feliciano Garcia, Terry Oldham, Robert Heck, Bobby McNabney, Steve Wilson, Robert Drews, Ray Harbison, Randy Shaw, and Robert Clay.



Doral Harrison, junior, pushes "Red", his steer, into a better pose for a picture.

Caring For Pigs Is Part of Job

Walking pigs, blocking lambs, and watering vegetables are unfamiliar to most students, but these activities are part of a future farmer's life. He learns not only to contend with disappointment in farming, but he also learns the satisfaction of growing a successful crop and raising a prize-winning animal.

Individual FFA members sponsored the vegetable exhibit at the anniversary celebration, and several boys entered the Lamb and Sheep Exposition in Donna as well as the Livestock Show in Mercedes.

Future Teachers Sponsor Book Nook



Future Teachers of America constructed worthwhile projects during the year. The most important project was the bookstore in the Annex building. The group sold four hundred paperback books and received 10% profit, but the main purpose of the Book Nook was to provide books for the students and teachers. Other

projects included helping at registration and delivering material for classroom teachers during the summer.

The officers are Jennefer Fortenberry, president; Dianne Stanford, vice-president; Linda Nichols, secretary; Charity Oglevee, treasurer, and Laura Mundell, Student Senate representative.

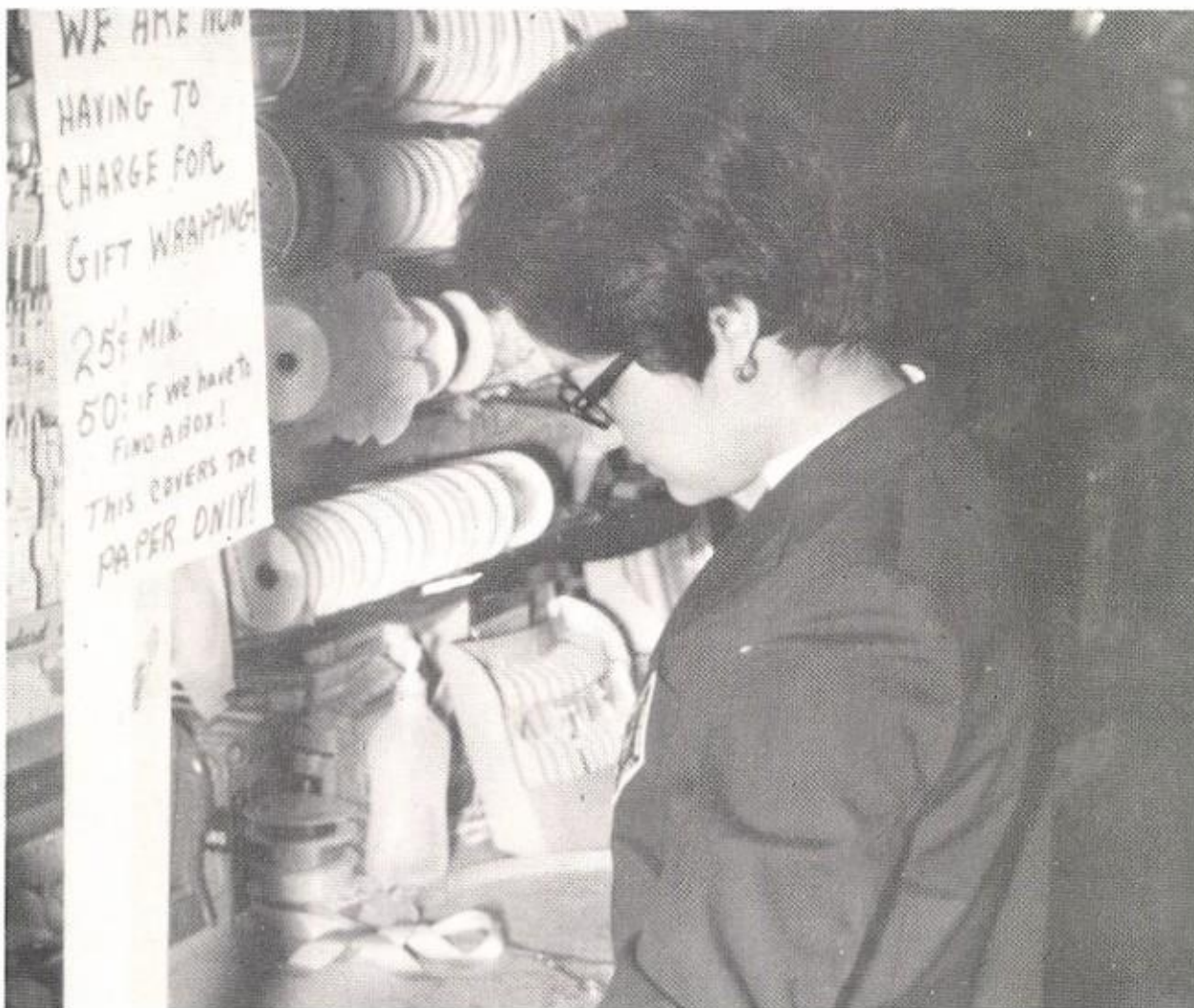
DECA Members Participate in Many Activities



Working at a local department store, Danny Vasquez labels packages for mailing.



Senior Janie Aguayo displays one of the many dresses she hopes to sell.



In the store where she works Janie Cano skillfully giftwraps packages.

Application Form No. 2

Name: Member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Reason for Applying: To practice the fundamentals learned in the classroom to acquire new skills.

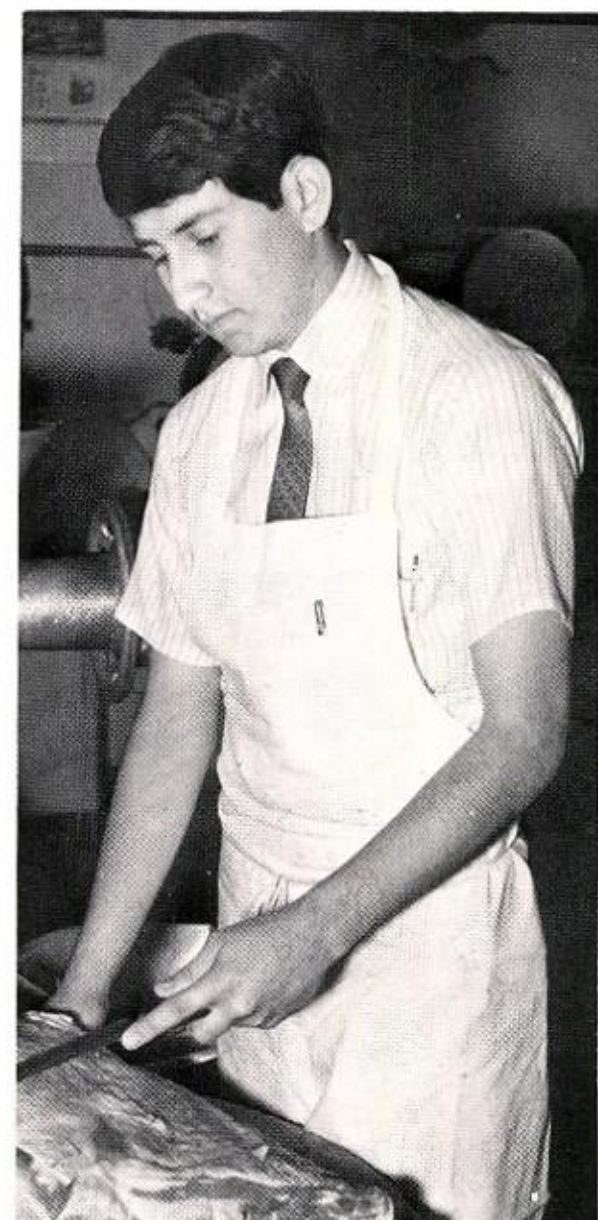
Outside Classroom Activities: Sold candy, attended employer-employee banquet, also attended end of year picnic. Participated in area and state leadership contests in Edinburg and Houston.

References: Club sponsors Robert Gutierrez and Jose Calvillo.

VICA Members Represent WHS, Hold Entertainmen



Sylvia Garcia, senior, helps Dr. R. C. Manning with an air pump as he fills the patient's cavity.

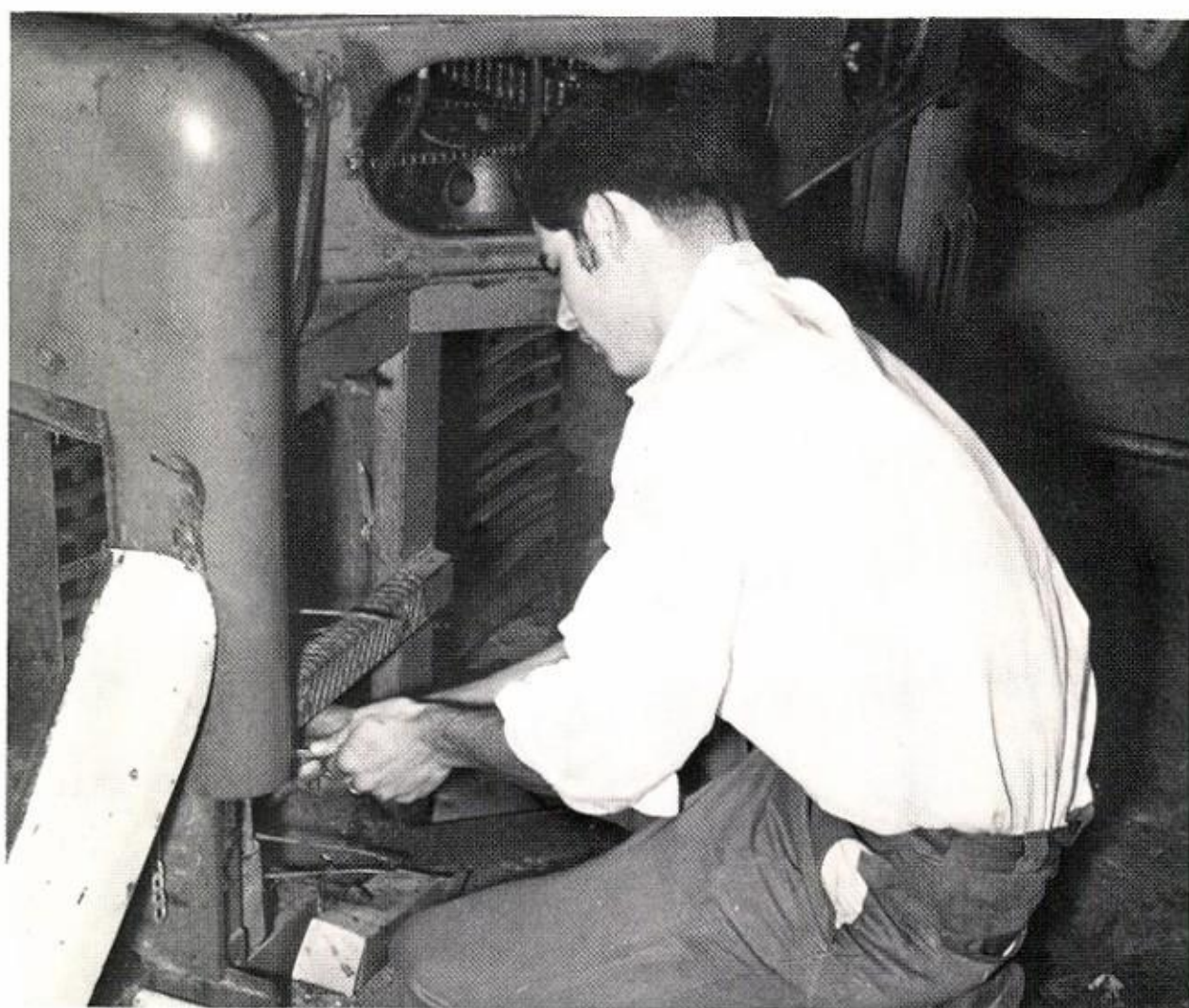


Juan Jose Cantu, senior, trims the meat, part of his job as a butcher in a grocery store.

50 Members Enter Contests

The fifty members of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America represented Weslaco High at several contests, sold money-making products, sponsored service projects, and went to several social activities. VICA sold candy in October and February, and they donated food baskets at Thanksgiving to needy families. Traveling to Corpus Christi and Austin in March and April, members attended district and state VICA conventions. The organization ended the year with the annual employer-employee banquet.

Mr. Arturo Salazar, sponsor and class instructor, supervised the group which was headed by president Angelita Covacevich, vice-president Manuel Ramos, secretary Christi Pratt, treasurer Esmeralda Flores, and Student Senate representative Raymundo Rubio.



Eloy de la Garza, senior, works as a mechanic for a local car dealer.

VOE Members Hold Community Jobs



In the vocational office education lab, Lydia Ybarra practices transcription from dictaphone to typewriter.



Working busily at her desk is senior Linda Andersen, an employee in the medical records department at Knapp Methodist Hospital.

Various Posts Provide Jobs

On the job, members of the Office Education Association were found working as secretaries, bookkeepers, receptionists, and typists. In the VOE classroom, they learned and perfected the skills that their jobs demanded.

Sixteen O.E.A. members attended the area contest in San Antonio where two teams placed second and advanced to state meet which was held April 2-4 in Houston.

Candy and calendar towel sales helped finance the two trips.

History, Sports Draw Interest



Checking up on the track schedule are GAA members (sitting) Rochelle Barker, senior, Bonnie Solether and Minerva del Toro,

sophomores, and Sandra Lacy, freshman.



After outlining the history of the Rio Grande Valley for the Junior Historians, Mrs. Fred Petch answers Jennifer Jones, junior, and Raul Armendarez, freshman, individual questions about Valley history.

Beauty of Area Concerns Clubs

Planting purple bouganvillas to beautify the front of the gymnasium was a project of the Girls' Athletic Association. The club also operates snack bars at both the study lounge during the two noon hours and at basketball games. Additionally, G.A.A. Sponsors basketball, tennis, track, and softball intramurals for WHS girls, and they presented Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy families.

Junior Historians is an organization made up of students interested in the history of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. This year, as part of the program, they took a trip to Brownsville.

Phi-Chem-Bi Members Visit Union Carbide



Science Minded Belong To Club

Phi-Chem-Bi membership consists of students interested in science. This year they visited the Union Carbide Company in Brownsville, Padre Island, the Santa Anna Wildlife Refuge south of Alamo, and club members also studied local ecology.

Phi-Chem-Bi sponsor is Kent Grosser; officers include Cleve Massey, president; Bruce Edwards, vice-president, Kathy Payne, secretary-treasurer, and John Bohmfalk, Student Senate representative.

Pictured are Dale Hansen and Bruce Edwards looking at a sea anemone in the chemistry lab.

The club sponsors the local science fair.

Key Club, Y-Teens Exist to Serve



Seniors Tommy Michalk, Chris Cannon, and Randy Jenkin take time out from working at the Key Club's concession stand to

watch the parade during Weslaco's Fiftieth Birthday Anniversary.

Both Groups Work On Dimes March

Two Weslaco High School service organizations are Key Club and Y-Teens. Both were involved in raising money for the March of Dimes. Y-Teens stood on street corners to take March of Dimes while Key Club represented Weslaco at the annual Walk-A-Thon which is sponsored by a local radio station. In addition, Key club held a rummage sale, a car wash, and a pancake supper.

This year, Y-Teen activities included helping assemble the Purple Key, selling programs at Pigskin Jubilee and working at the Halloween Carnival. The girls also donated food to a needy family for Thanksgiving and staged the annual Valentine Dance.



Senior Karen Lancaster, lights sophomore Phyllis Madden's candle at the Y-Teens formal initiation at the First Baptist Church on Sept. 21.

Austin Convention Climaxes Year



Modeling Spanish costumes at the Pan American Student Forum merienda for Weslaco's Birthday Party were (left to right) Mary Riley, Celinda Getner, and Joyce Lyles. The merienda was held at St. Martin de Porres Parish Hall Dec. 6, 1969.



Chatting at the PASF tea with Kichaela Klipkieu, San Benito's foreign exchange student from Germany, is senior Kathy Payne. PASF sponsored the tea for Valley foreign exchange students at the Weslaco Civic Center.

PASF Members Earn Points

Climaxing an active year for the Pan American Student Forum (PASF) was the PASF state convention in Austin during March.

As only a certain percentage of the club members can attend the convention, members work for points.

Some activities included giving a fund-raising taco supper, sponsoring a merienda for Valley foreign exchange students, attending PASF valley council meetings, and presenting a style show and merienda during the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

This year the Weslaco PASF chapter presented a workshop at the convention entitled "Pan American Day in the Making".

A slide show depicted PASF activities and included a presentation of all the costumes from the Organization of American States. Invitations and recipes were given as favors.





WHS Choir (above, left and right)

FIRST ROW LEFT: Adelmira Mascorro, Martha Castro, Sylvia Cuellar, Leonicia Matamoros, Nelda Ramon, Tania Knowles, Sylvia Garcia, Sallie Hollie, and Sandra Thormalen. MIDDLE ROW LEFT: Irma Mendoza, Norma Linda Sanchez, Enevelia Cantu, Minerva Olivarez, Christi Pratt, Sylvia Hinojosa, Thelma Ruiz, Barbara Lansford, Karalene McKinney, and Nora Woods. TOP ROW LEFT: Mario Elizondo, Russell (Rusty) Gray, Donald Flowers, Terry Purl, Eddie Crist, Barry Dodd, and Walter (Wat) Thurmond.

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FIRST ROW RIGHT: Sandra Lacy, Bonnie Solether, Debbie K. Jones, Estella Cavazos, Josephine Villarreal, Norma Vasquez, Gloria Vasquez, Mary Ellen Martinez, Linda Nichols, and Mrs. Sybil Mattar. MIDDLE ROW RIGHT: Kathy Dean, Phyllis Madden, Christi Linderman, Janis Chandler, Kathleen Bellard, Cindy Eoff, Rosalinda de Leon, Esmeralda Garcia, Kathleen Hartzell. TOP ROW RIGHT: Tommy Seils, Juan Cortez, Terry Ishmael, Roy Cruz, Domingo Briones, Armando (Rusty) Rico, and Paul Maxwell.

WHS SINGERS

FIRST ROW: Linda Nichols, Paul Maxwell, Tania Knowles, Roy Cruz, Irma Mendoza. MIDDLE ROW: Christi Pratt, Barry Dodd, Karalene McKinney, Terry Purl, Janis Chandler, Donald Flowers, Debbie K. Jones. TOP ROW: Christie Linderman, Walter (Wat) Thurmond, Sandra Lacy, Tommy Seils, Nora Woods, and Terry Ishmael.

Choir Presents Public Programs

The WHS Choir is a concert choir led by Mrs. Sybil Mattar. It performed several times for service groups as well as the student body, receiving a good rating in UIL competition.

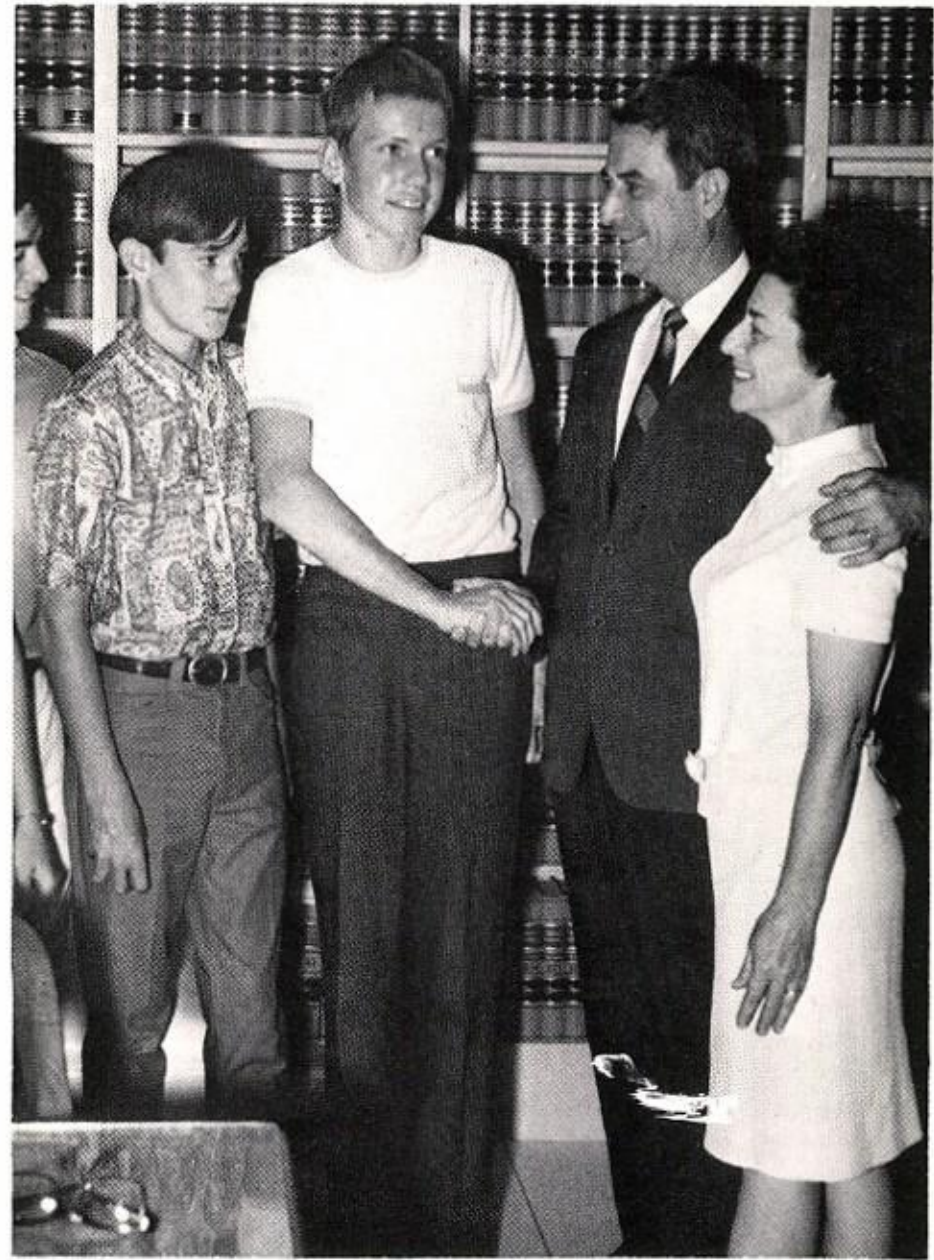
The choir, this year, held a rummage sale in March to finance an April trip to San Antonio. Upon their arrival, they visited the San Antonio Zoo. Later, they enjoyed the annual fiesta Parade as it meandered through the city.

The WHS Singers is a select group of student vocalist whose primary purpose is to perform concerts for various service organizations. The only qualifications for being a Singer are a good voice and a willing heart. They have presented programs for both the Lions and Rotary clubs.

French, Scandinavian Languages on Campus



Admiring the western hat presented him by the Student Senate upon arrival in the Valley is Jørn Petersen, exchange student from Denmark.



Getting acquainted with his American family, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Smith (right) and Ricky, a WHS junior, is Bo Akerstrom, exchange student from Sweden.



Reading parts for the French Club variety show are Noe Rodriguez and Flora Blanca.
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Scandinavians Attend Classes

For the first time, WHS hosted two foreign exchange students, seniors Jørn Petersen from Denmark and Bo Akerstrom of Sweden. Jørn's stay in the United States was sponsored by the American Field Service, and Bo was sponsored by Youth for Understanding. Arriving in August and staying until June, the foreign students were exposed to the American ways of life, and at the same time, exposed many Valleyites to European culture.

French Club, headed by president Fernando Hernandez, presented a variety program in the auditorium Dec. 9, and at Christmastime, members mailed packages to soldiers in Vietnam and donated a food basket to a needy family in Weslaco.



Climaxing two hours of standing on stage, smiling at judges and contending with aching feet was the crowning of Queen Karen

Lancaster on Dec. 4. Choice of a queen and princesses was a preliminary event of the anniversary celebration.



Besides the Queen, other high school girls rode floats; two were Debbie Sansing and Peggy Barnes on the Magic Valley Electric Cooperative float.



Radiantly smiling is newly crowned Queen Karen Lancaster who cradles her bouquet of roses.

Outstanding Students Win Recognition



Joan Anderson
Who's Who
Outstanding American



Rochelle Barker
Who's Who



Peggy Barnes
Who's Who



Peggy Bradford
Who's Who
Outstanding American



John Cain
Who's Who
Outstanding American



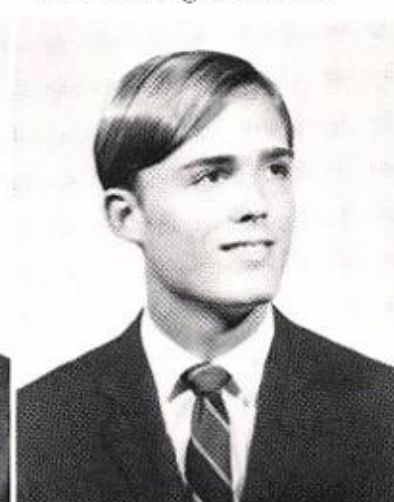
George Cardenas
Who's Who



Janis Chandler
Who's Who
Outstanding American



Rene Correa
Who's Who
Outstanding American



Gary Davis
Who's Who
Outstanding American



Rosie Garcia
Who's Who



Steve Henson
Who's Who



Karen Lancaster
Who's Who



Emma Pinales
Who's Who



Norma Linda Silva
Who's Who
Outstanding American



Luanne Thompson
Who's Who
Outstanding American

National Groups List Achievers

The Society of Outstanding American High School honors the highest high school achievers from across the nation in 1969-70. Ten of these students come from Weslaco High.

The fifth edition of "Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students" will publish 18 WHS students; complete biographies. Less than five per cent of the juniors and seniors in the nation are selected.

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Mike Vasquez
Who's Who



Steve White
Who's Who
Outstanding American



Diane Wilson
Who's Who
Outstanding American

Norma Linda Silva Reigns as Queen



During halftime at the Homecoming game, Norma Silva, head cheerleader, was crowned Homecoming Queen by school board president Morris Knowles and Student Senate president John Cain.



Magda Cantu



Nelda Ramon



Melissa Frase

Homecoming Marks Season

Special homecoming activities marked the highlight of a successful football season. Assisted by several students from the Dotti Burton School of Dance, the Panther band presented half-time activities which commemorated the Six Flags Over Texas.

Norma Silva, a popular senior, reigned as 69-70 Homecoming Queen; Danny Vasquez was her escort.

Also nominated for queen were Janis Chandler and Roxanne Frase, escorted by Tommy Michalk and Clovis George, respectively.

Class duchesses included junior Melissa Frase, sophomore, Nelda Ramon, and freshman, Magda Cantu.

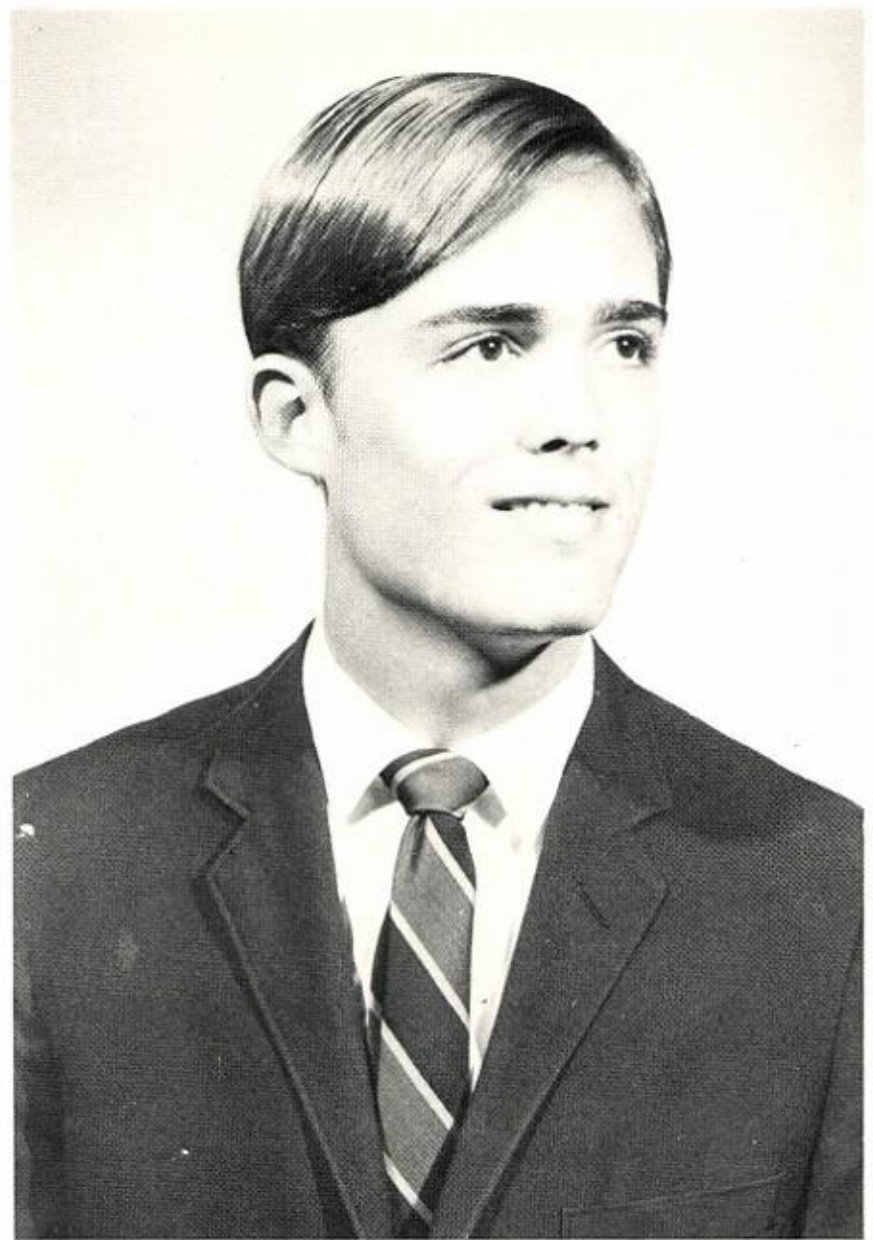


Selected by the student body as ideal representative students, Mr. and Miss WHS are John Cain and Norma Linda Silva. Among his many honors and activities, John is president of the Student Senate and a National Merit Finalist. Norma, a cheerleader for

four years, attended Bluebonnet Girls' State and was an outstanding high school student by the Society of Outstanding American High School Students.



Seniors alone select most beautiful and most handsome as well as most likely to succeed. Roxanne Frase and Mark McManus (above left) were voted most beautiful and most handsome. Roxanne was a cheerleader and homecoming queen nominee. Mark participated in UIL golf and won an honorable mention in the local science fair. The Class of '70



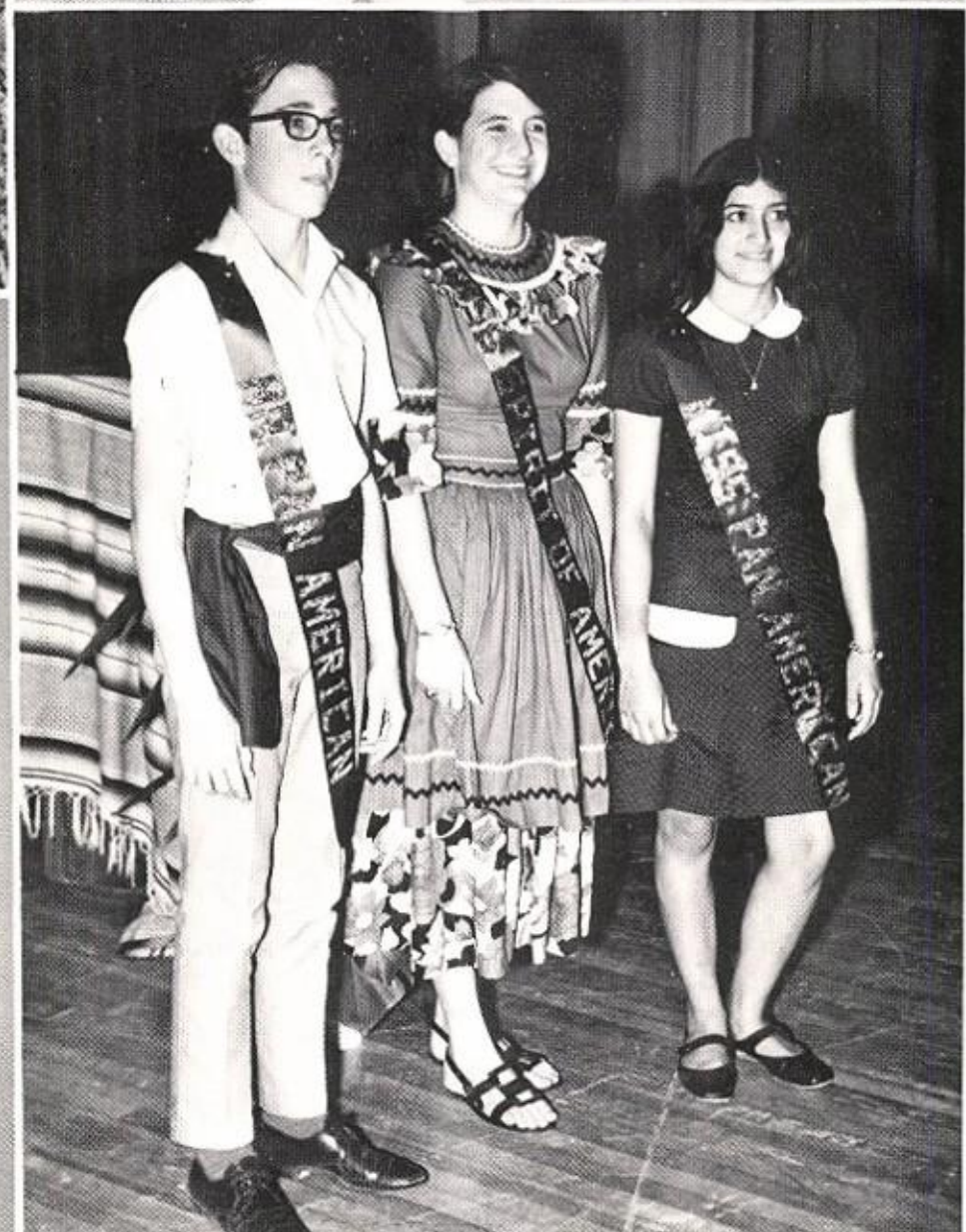
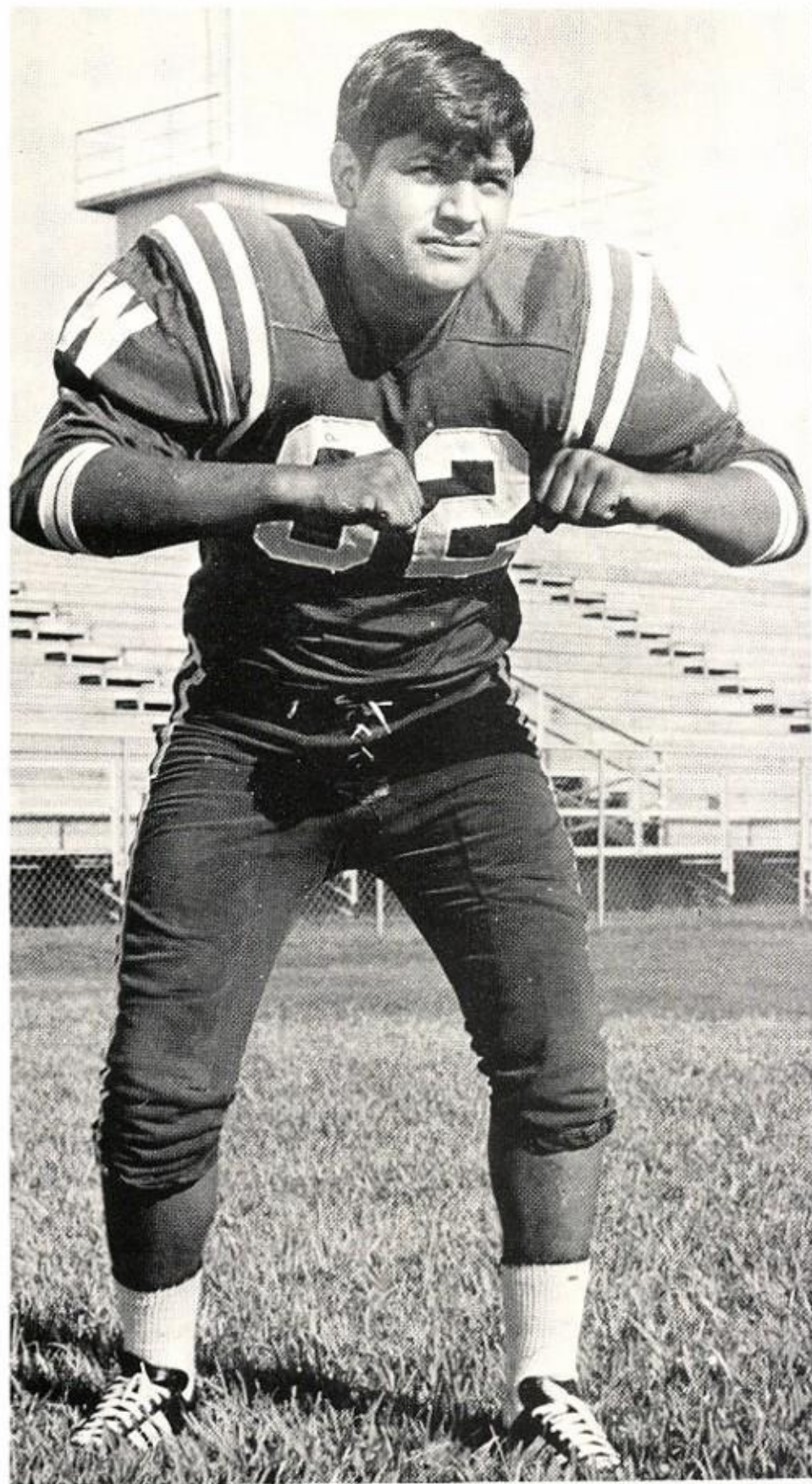
also selected Emma Pinaldez and Gary Davis (above right) most likely to succeed. Both Emma and Gary have high scholastic averages, and both were named to Who's Who. Gary was also a member of the All-State band. Emma competed in the Pan American College Math Conference.





Every spring, WHS students nominate class favorites on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership, and popularity. This year, these campus personalities include: (right picture) freshmen

Ramiro Avila, and Rosa Pena; sophomores Nelda Ramon and Juan Mata; and (above) juniors Julie Fernandez and Bruce Barker.





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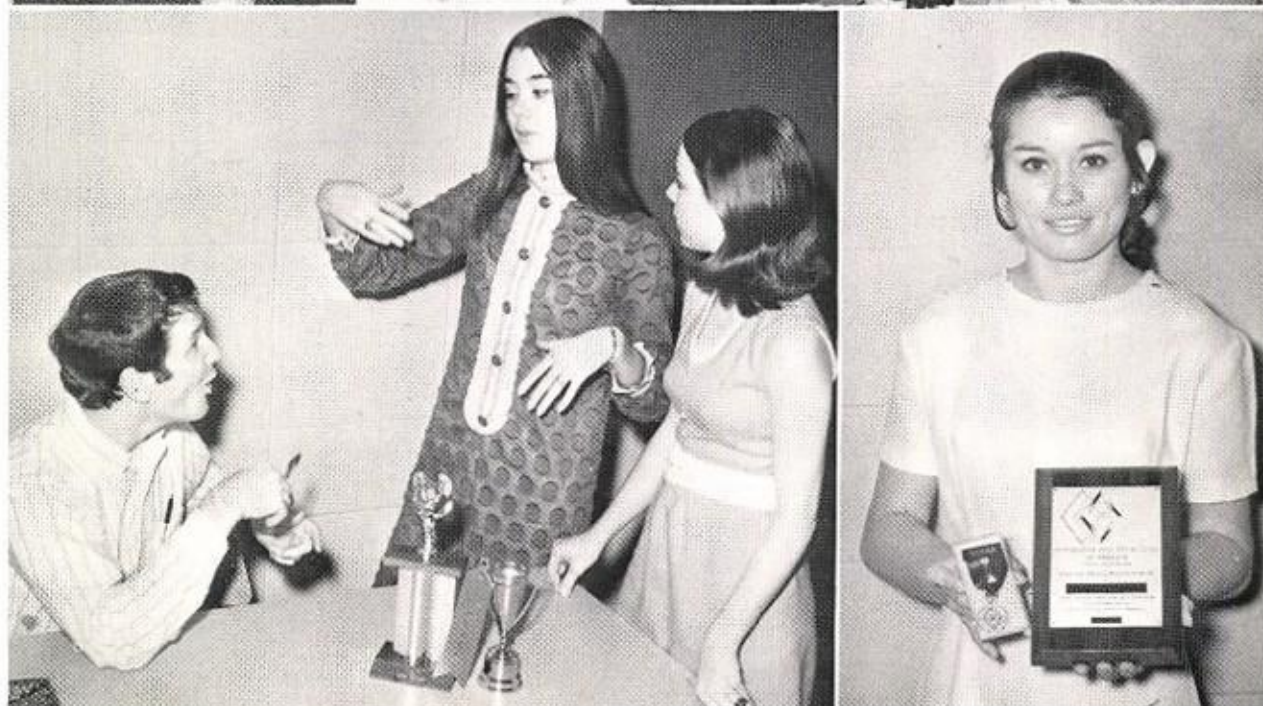
All State football, Mike Vasquez; All State band, Rene Correa; basketball sweethearts, Kathy Payne, Kathy Dean; Mr. Pan American, Steven Jones; Miss Spirit of American, Debby Verser; Miss Pan American, Selina Gonzalez; State Track participant, Barry Dodd; Choir beau, Barry Dodd; Choir sweetheart, Janis Chandler; UIL journalism state alternate, Peggy Bradford; DAR Citizenship Award, Diane Hefley; Rosalie Cardenas, Panther sweetheart; Sons of American Revolution citizenship award, Sam Gamez.

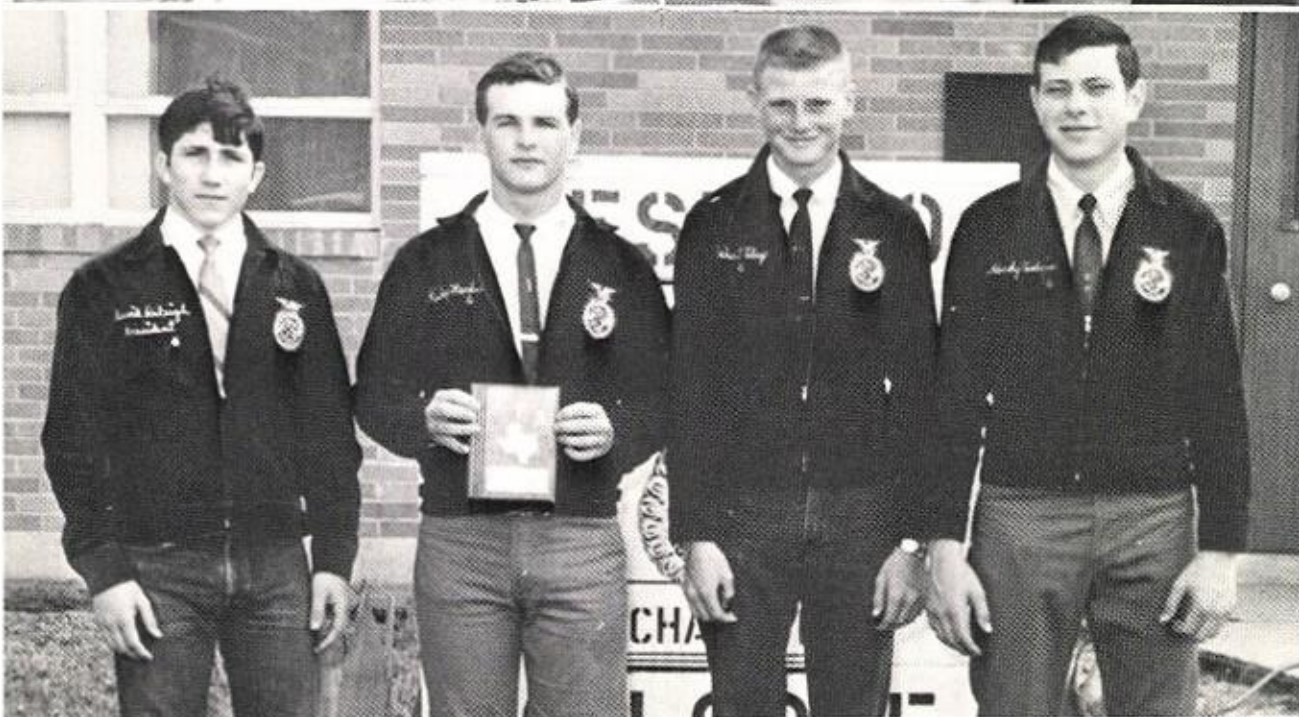




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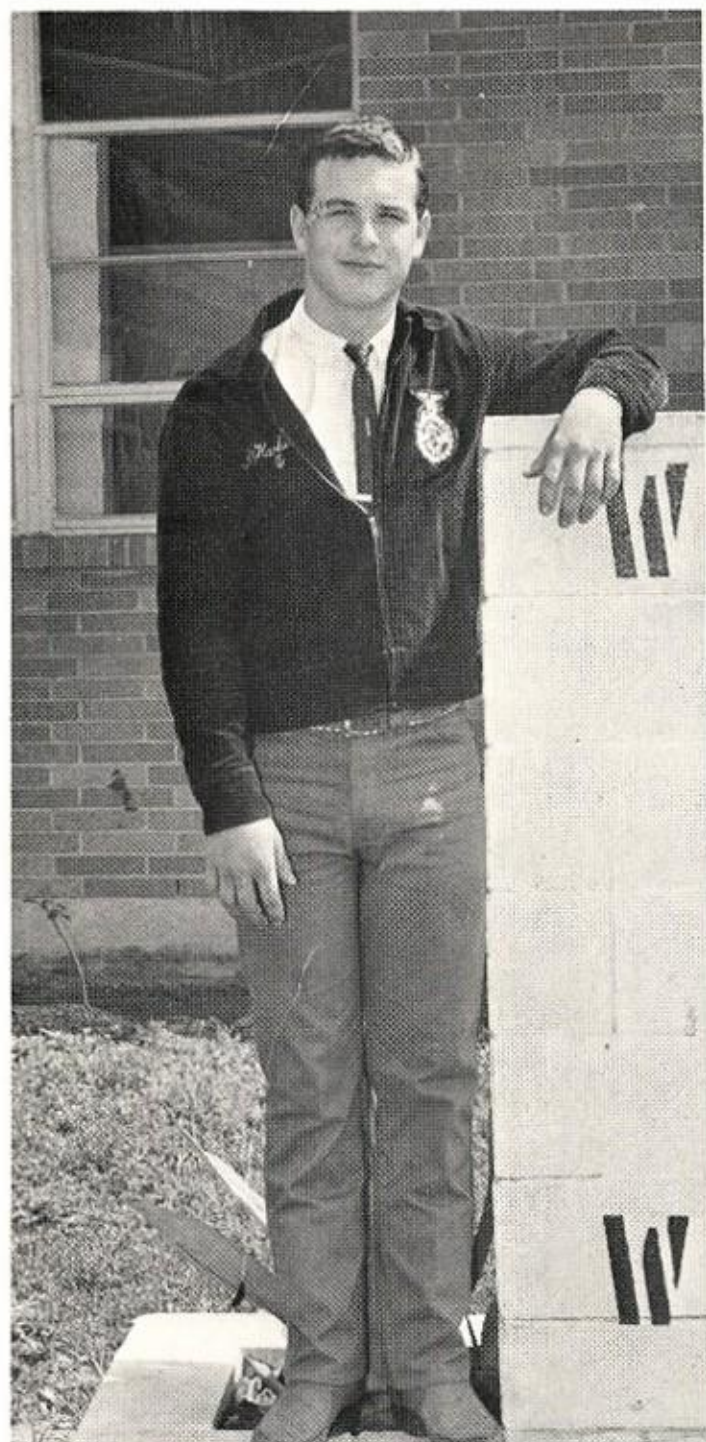
State track record breaker, Rochelle Barker; work appeared in National Essay Press, Lourdes Becerra, Delfina Quesada, Maria Reyes, Carmen Perez, Maria Maldonado, Victoria Aldaba, Lydia de Leon, Valeria Garza, Anita Martinez, Viola Arce, Rosalie Cardenas, Hector Campos, Alfredo Rios, Abel Vasquez, Steve Harbison; work appeared in National Press Anthology, Victoria Aldaba, Julia Hernandez, Robert Moreno, Oralia Cantu, Virginia Silva, Daniel Garcia, Robert Noriega, Robert Sifuentes, Raul Garza; National Merit Finalist, John Cain with Roger Wahl, counselor; UIL duet acting, Jamie Roark, Sue Crist with Steve Edwards, sponsor; state DECA meet, Lupita Villarreal.





Honor Competitors

State FHA choir; Linda Nichols, Irma Mendosa; State UIL typing, David Purl; PASF scholarships, Debby Verser, Valerie Coonrod. ILPC journalism winners, Debby Verser, Julie Fernandez; Rene Correa, regional journalism, editorial; Pep Squad beau, Roy Parker with Peggy Barnes, Norma Linda Silva; Area FFA livestock judging Barry Dickerson, Steve Wilson, and Randy Colvin.



Honor Competitors

State livestock judging team, Ricky Harbison; State competitors, parliamentary procedure, seated Debbie Sansing, Esther McDaniel; standing Linda Lozano, Kathy Payne, Linda Andersen, Patti Stephens, Diane Wilson, and Luanne Thomson. UIL Literary regional, Vicki Callaway, Jamie Roark, Rachel Wubbena, and David Purl, typing. One act play cast, regional' contestants, Joe Silva (prone), and Sulema Ochoa, and Gilbert Cruz. Local science fair champions are Andrea Dickerson and Cleve Massey.

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Over 100 Seniors in Talent Show Oct. 2-3



Seniors Peggy Barnes and Barry Dodd take time out of their busy debut for a "Pine Tree" commercial, during the Senior Talent Show.



One of the "Twelve Years of School" is represented by Marvin Connor, Senior, the typical first grader sucking his thumb. The seniors presented a wide variety of acts.

Serious, Fun Acts In 26 Varieties

Entering the high school auditorium to the tune of "Hey Look Me Over" were over 100 seniors who presented the annual Senior Talent Show. They performed to capacity audiences on Oct. 2 and 3.

The twenty-six acts ranged from serious numbers such as Janis Chandler's "Alfie" to comedy presented in a monologue by Esther McDaniel. Other acts included "Hill-billy Mess," Kloud Klan", "Shakespearean Drama," the WHS Singers "Soul Singers," and two local combos.

Proceeds from the talent show were used for a gift presented by the class of '70 to WHS.

Senior Play 'Highly Seasoned'



"Highly Seasoned", this year's senior play showed three performances Mar. 12-19, a matinee, a night and one for junior high students. Seniors portraying the various characters were, on couch, Israel Ramon; kneeling, Linda Fernandez and Vicki Harbison;

standing, Joyce Lyes, Melody Easley, Gary Aaron, Jerry Steger, Rosie Garcia, Juan Webber, Diane Wilson, Kerry Kitchell and Sam Gamez.



Gary Aaron, left argues with his boss, Juan Webber, as Kerry Kitchell waits for his job assignment, as elevator conductor. The play was directed by Steve Edwards and Mrs. Juanita Richards.



Tony Robledo shows Brenda Burkett and Arturo Chapa how to make stage scenery. Mr. Edwards' speech and English classes helped with the intricacies of staging the play.



Dancing girls, Mrs. Antonia Fuentes, Miss Virginia Swanzy, Mrs. Aida Greer, and Miss Watson surround Bruce Barker at the Junior

Senior Prom. Barker served as master of ceremonies for the brief program.

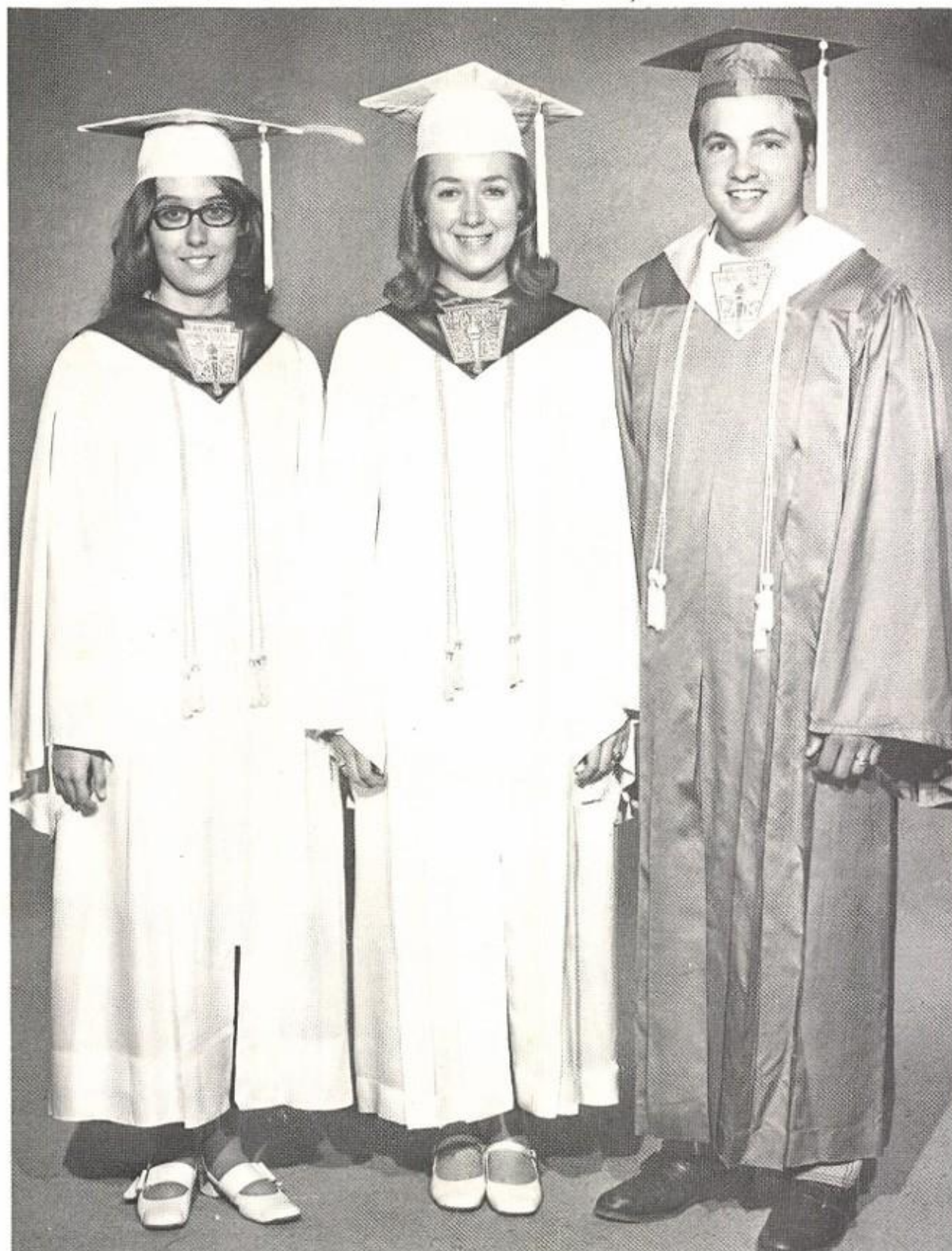


Honor guests await introduction at the prom.

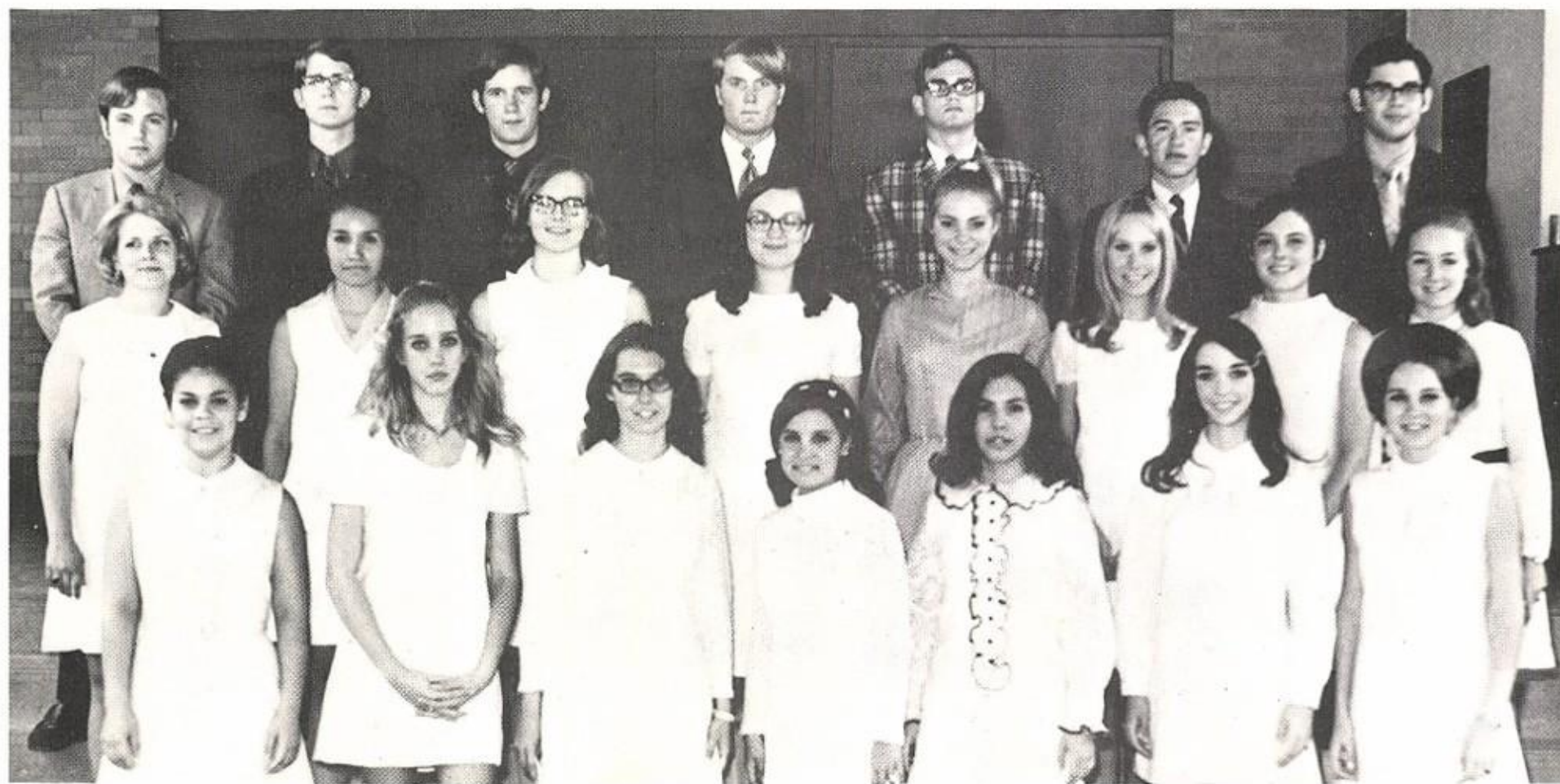


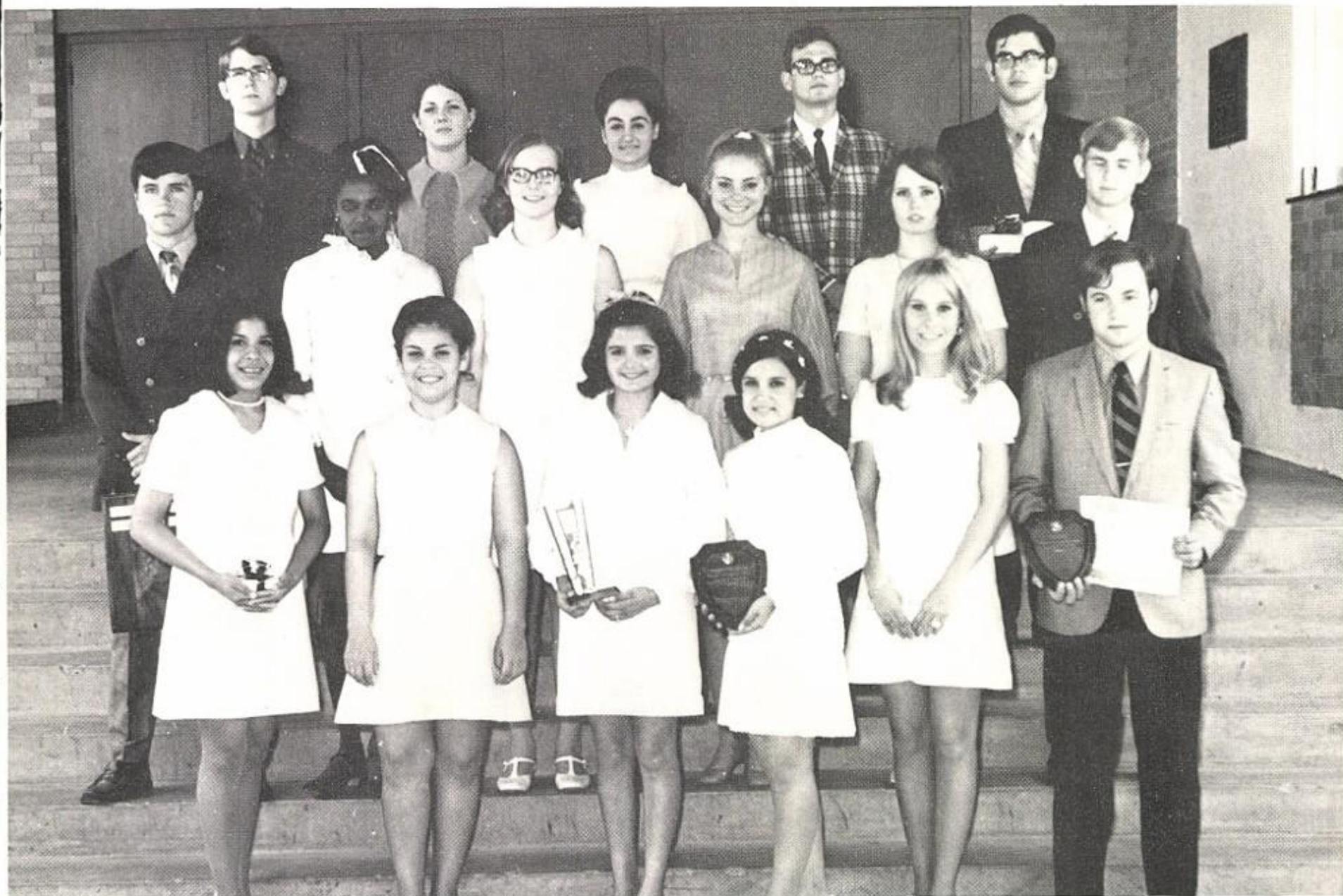
Larry Moore, Mike Real, (standing) Marlee Whitley, and Shannon Guess (kneeling) work on the decorations before the prom. Juniors traditionally honor seniors at the annual spring festivity. This year two groups, a combo and a dance band, provided music.

Class of 1970



High ranking students of the Class of 1970 are, at left, Joan Anderson, Luanne Thomson, and John Cain. Class president, below, is Diane Wilson, and honor graduates, bottom picture, include: top row, Cain, Randy Jenkins, Steve Ligon, Richard Wells, Jerry Graham, Maximo Mora, Rene Correa; middle, Mary Riley, Maria L. Aparicio, Peggy Bradford, Annette Campbell, Janis Chandler, Karen Lancaster, Lynda Roark, Luanne Thomson, and bottom row, Emma Pinalez, Joyce Lyles, Joan Anderson, Norma Silva, Diane Sepulveda, Ruthie White, and Diane Wilson.





Class Day May 12 featured presentation of awards and scholarships and the traditional class will reading. Those receiving awards and the awards are: (bottom) Irma Mendoza, Literary Review; Emma Pinalez, American Legion Citizenship & RGV Federation of Women's Clubs; Norma Linda Silva, Rotary Leadership; Karen Lancaster, PASF Scholarship; John Cain, Rotary Leadership; (middle) Roy Parker, Bobby Lackey Athletic, Babe Ruth Sportsman-ship; Rochelle Barker, Babe Ruth Sportsman-ship; Peggy

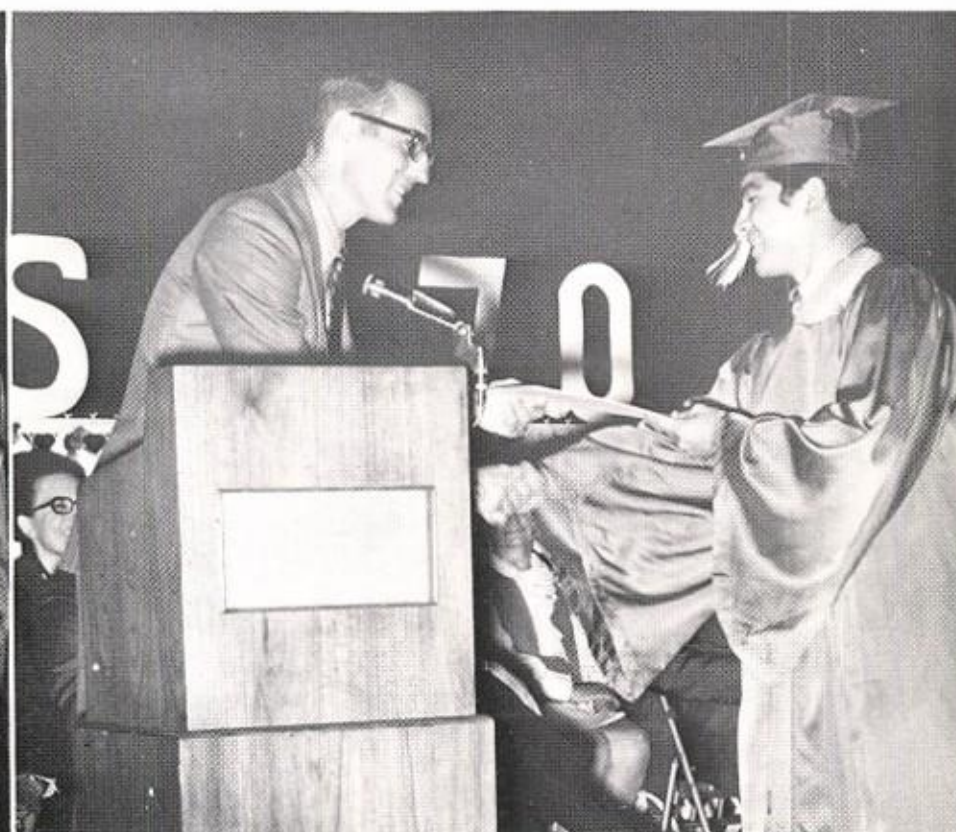
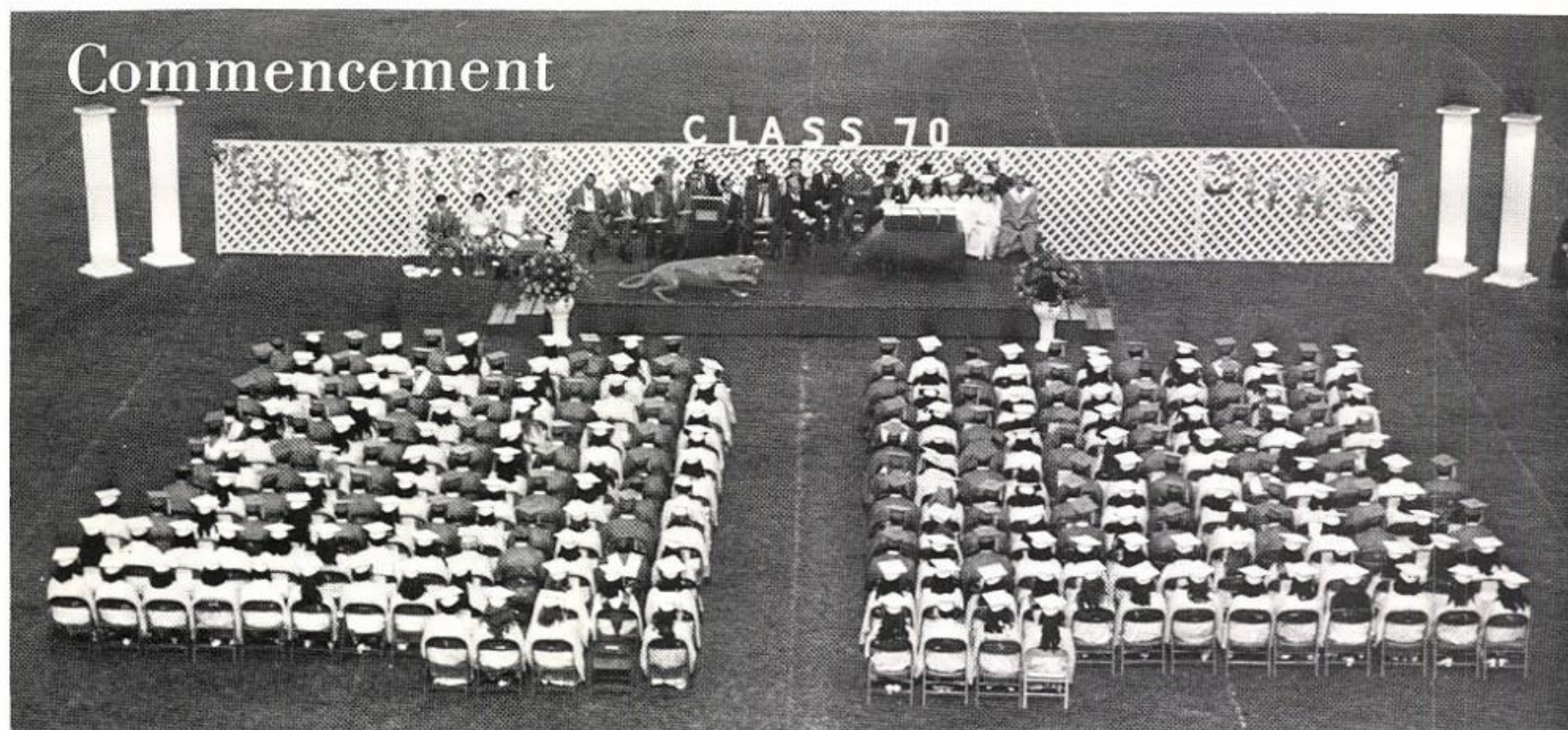
Bradford, Lions Club Journalism; Janice Chandler, Pan American College; Debby Gallagher, Betty Crocker; Barry Dodd, Yoder Choir, Texas Watchmakers Association; Randy Jenkins, Kiwanis Service; Andrea Dickerson, Lions Club Science; Diane Hefley, Daughters of American Revolution Citizenship; Jerry Graham, Abilene Christian College; Rene Correa, Band Parents Arion, University of Houston Scholarship, Fine Arts Club and American Legion Citizenship.



First cap and gown appearance of the Class of 1970 was at baccalaureate services May 24 sponsored by the Weslaco Min-

isterial Alliance. Here students line up for the march into the auditorium.

Commencement



Major Awards Made May 29

The largest single scholarship, \$3000, was made to Rene Correa by Mr. Bill Blackburn on behalf of Crown Zellerbach (above.) Kiwanis Club awarded \$500 to Sam Gamez, with Mr. Joe Harren, officiating. Others included: Mary Luisa Aparicio, \$200, Student Senate; Magda Lopez, tuition, Magic Valley Beauty College; Rachel Wubbena, \$250 Rotary Club; Estela Pena, \$300 Jaycees; Maximo Mora, \$200, Concordia Masonic Lodge; Edward Argueta, \$200, Neighborhood Youth Corps, matched by Pan American College; Virginia de Leon, \$200, Key Club; Nancy Espinosa, \$100, Catholic War Veterans; Norma Linda Silva, \$200; Classroom Teachers Assn., and not shown, Ruben Cantu, \$200, Lulacs, and Janie Reyes, \$200, Lulacs.



It Was Our Year. It Was 1970 . . .

1969-70 has ended. It was like many other years at many other schools, but it was different. It was a year to remember the past, evaluate the present, and build dreams for the future.

It began when students returned for registration, and it ended when the last tassel was tossed May 29. Between these dates, we packed in assemblies, pep rallies, district and regional games, an anniversary celebration, contests, and endless hours of activity.

Situations abroad as well as those at home influenced our lives. In classes, we discussed the moratoriums and the draft lottery. Boys signed up for the draft, and still other students anticipated induction. We realized the possibility of a totally polluted world when biology II students painted signs proclaiming "Air Today, Gas Masks Tomorrow." In February, Mexican-American Youth Organization representatives presented demands to the school board. Attempting to prove that "MAYO is not representative," many students wore red, white, and blue armbands while a few wore brown and black to designate their support of MAYO.

But, we knew the same people, joined the same organizations, and struggled through the same courses. We glowed with pride when we saw golden trophies, blue ribbons, and plaques, confirming achievement in almost every UIL and school related activity. We griped about hot, overcrowded classrooms and 7:30 classes, but nobody died of either. We met deadlines or found last-minute excuses for failure to meet deadlines.

Despite incompatibility between students and faculty over the USA we at WHS found that despite our differences, students, faculty, and administration formed a closely-knit, single working unit. In April, when a fire swept the office, students helped firemen and administrators remove damaged equipment, demonstrating that generations can work together.



Senior Achievements

AARON, GARY MEL
Athletics, manager; basketball, trainer; Senior Play; Pan American Art Fair, fourth place.

AKERSTROM, ROBERT FREDERICK (BO)
Youth for Understanding foreign exchange student; English III honors class; PASF honor member; Student Senate; Senior Talent Show; NHS honorary member.

ALDRETE, MARIA GUADALUPE (LUPE)
DECA

ANDERSON, JOAN ELAINE
Valedictorian; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Outstanding American High School Student; Rotary Scholarship; D.A.R. History award; Outstanding student, world history, algebra II, English III, home and family living, American History; Scholastic Excellence award, three years; Science Fair, Certificate of Merit; NHS, vice-president; School Service award; UIL, typing; Senior Play.

ANDERSEN, LINDA MARGARET
FTA, president, vice-president; VOE, parliamentarian; Pep Squad; PASF; Sing Out; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Queen contestant; OEA, district meet, parliamentary procedure, second place, state meet.

APARICIO, MARIA LUISA
WHS Student Senate Scholarship; Honor graduate; VOE; ICT; Choir, OEA; VICA.

ARGUETA, EDWARD
Neighborhood Youth Corps Scholarship.

BAEZ, IRMA IDA
FHA; Pep Squad.

BARKER, ROCHELLE
Babe Ruth Sportmanship Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Basketball, All-District Basketball player; track; three first places state meet, 69-70, state record two; two first places regional meet; two fifth places state meet, 66-67; two fifth places state meet, 67-68; Band; Pep Squad.

BARNES, PEGGY LORENE
Who's Who among American High School Students; UIL Persuasive Speaking, second place regional; Student Senate; Y-Teens; Student Senate representative; Pep Squad president; FHA, third

vice-president; GAA; Basketball; Volleyball; Powder Puff football; Sing Out; Weslaco Queen contestant; Senior Talent Show; Make It With Wool contest; 4-H, district vice-chairman; State Council, first state Share the Fun; first district-achievement; Vegetable Queen runnerup; District 13 Farm Bureau Queen Talent winner.

BERNAL, JOHNNY
FFA, Greenhand pen, Chapter Farmer pen; ICT.

BRADFORD, PEGGY LU
Honor Graduate; Lion's Club Journalism Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Outstanding American High School Student; Scholastic Excellence award, two years; English IV honors class; UIL, district journalism team championship, UIL first place journalism, district, regional 1970; Press Conference Proficiency citation, Hi-Life staff girls' sports editor, co-editor, two years; PASF delegate to state convention; NHS, historian; La Palma Staff; GAA; Student Senate representative; Pep Squad; Publications award; Quill & Scroll; Perfect Attendance award, two years; NSPA Journalism award; Press Club; Basketball; Volleyball; Track; Powder Puff football, two years; Bluebonnet Girls' State; A&M University Journalism summer workshop; "That Drug Thing", Austin; ILPC, three years; A&M Journalism Workshop, Basketball clinic, two years; Weslaco Queen contestant; Trinity University Journalism Summer Workshop; WHS Literary award school letter.

BROWN, LEON
DECA; Outstanding Student, DE; Outstanding OE salesman sweater.

BROWN, KAREN
GAA; Pep Squad; FHA; Y-Teens; Weslaco Queen contestant.

CAIN, JOHN
High Ranking Boy; Rotary Club Leadership Award; Mr. WHS; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Outstanding American High School Student; Outstanding Teenager of America; English I award; Spanish II award; Time Current Events test award; National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test finalist; Science Fair, honorable mention; Phi-Chem-Bi, president; Key Club, secretary, lieutenant

governor; Student Senate president, representative; Junior class president; NHS; Sophomore class favorite, freshman class favorite; PASF; Sing Out; Basketball.

CALLAWAY, VICKI LYNN
Basketball, all district; Pep Squad; Volleyball; Track; Tennis; GAA; Y-Teens; FHA; Sing Out; Weslaco Queen contestant; UIL shorthand, third place.

CAMPBELL, ANNETTE MARIE
Honor graduate; English IV honors class; UIL Spelling; Choir; Sing Out; ACT scholarship; NHS honorary member.

CANO, MARIA NINFA
DECA

CANNON, CHRIS
Key Club.

CANTU, RUBEN
Lulac Scholarship.

CARDENAS, ROSALIE
English III essay award; Pep Squad officer; Choir; FHA; Panther Sweetheart.

CARDONA, RENE

CASANOVA, YOLANDA
Scholastic Achievement award.

CAVAZOS, MARIA ESTELA
Alternate Outstanding DE Student of the Year award; DECA; Choir, Senior Class treasurer.

CAVAZOS, VICENTA

CHANDLER, JANIS LEE
Honor graduate; English IV honors class; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Outstanding American High School Student; two first place medals of UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest; Band, Freshman representative; UIL typing contest; Drum Majorette two years; Twirler, three years; Choir and soprano soloist; WHS Singers; Key Club sweetheart; Homecoming Queen candidate; Senior Talent Show; Sing Out; Drum Major and Twirler Camp at Sam Houston; Junior Miss contestant; Weslaco Princess; NHS honorary member.

CORDOVA, ANTONIO

CORREA, JAVIER RENE
Crown Zellerbach \$3000 scholarship; Honor graduate; American Legion Citizenship Award; Band Parents Arion Award; Fine Arts Club Award; Who's Who Among

American High School Students; Outstanding American High School Student; Outstanding Student; journalism I, French II; Scholastic Achievement award; UIL, Regional solo div. I; UIL Regional ensemble, div. I; UIL State solo div. I; All Valley Band, first chair; All Area Band first chair; All State Band; UIL district journalism contest; UIL regional journalism contest; UIL regional journalism contest 1969-1970; ILPC Proficiency citation; All Valley Ninth Grade Band; NSPA Journalism award; Band, first chair tuba; Band Council, representative, reporter; Hi-Life, assistant editor, co-editor, 1968-69, 1969-70; French Club, president; Phi-Chem-Bi, reporter; Press Club; Publications; Student Senate representative; NHS; Quill and Scroll; Key Club; English IV honors class; WHS Drug Seminar student leader; Trinity University Journalism workshop; Texas A&M University Journalism workshop; WHS Literary award school letter; Senior Talent Show, stage crew; ILPC, Austin.

CORTEZ, JUAN SALVADOR
Senior Class representative.

COUCH, BILL
FFA, treasurer; Senior Talent Show; Hi-Life staff; National Scholastic Press Assn. award.

CROSS, PHYLIS
Pep Squad; FHA, treasurer.

CUELLAR, HILARIA
FHA

CUELLAR, MAGGIE
Pep Squad; Sing Out; Choir; DE; FHA.

CUELLAR, SYLVIA ELIZABETH
Pep Squad; Sing Out; FHA; ICT; Student Senate representative; Choir.

DAVIS, GARY
Who's Who Among American High School Students; Outstanding American High School Student; Outstanding Teenager of American; UIL Band solo and ensemble, div. I; UIL Poetry Interpretation, third place; One-Act play; Senior Talent Show, chairman; Band, vice-president, All State Band, All-Region Band; Student Senate vice-president; Drama Club; Student representative; WHS Singers, accompanist; Boy Most Likely to Succeed.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CVAE, Coordinated Vocational Academic Education; DE, Distributive Education; DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America; FFA, Future Farmers of America; FHA, Future Homemakers of America; FTA, Future Teachers of America; GAA, Girls Athletic Association; ICT, Industrial Cooperative Training; NHS, National Honor Society; PASF, Pan American Student Forum; UIL, University Interscholastic League; VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; VOE, Vocational Office Education;

DEAN, KATHLEEN DIANE

GAA; Powder Puff football; Choir; Track; Weslaco Queen contestant; FTA; Pep Squad; Sing Out; FHA; VOE; OEA; WHS All Tourney Guard; Basketball Sweetheart.

DE LOS SANTOS, LUCIO

DEER, PAMELA
English IV honors class; Band; Pep Squad; Sing Out; Weslaco Queen contestant; Senior Talent Show; Spanish Play.

DE LA FUENTE, FRANCIS YVONNE

Science Fair, third place; UIL typing; Typing Valentine sweetheart-68; VOE; FHA; Band; French club.

DE LEON, ROSALINDA
Junior Class treasurer; GAA, president; FHA, fifth vice-president; Make It Wool contest; Cover Girl contestant, top twelve finalist; Sing Out; Student Senate; Choir; Press Club; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Princess; Track; Powder Puff football; B-Team Volleyball; Basketball; Pep Squad; DECA; Job Interviewing contest, honorable mention; VOE; Student Senate representative; OEA district meet, job application, ninth place.

DE LEON, VIRGINIA
Key Club Scholarship; Scholastic Achievement award; UIL solo and ensemble, excellent; Band, office secretary, librarian, section leader, Band Council; PASF, state PASF chairman; OAS Style Show; Junior class secretary; Senior class secretary; Senior Play, publicity and make-up committees; Prom planning committee.

DELGADO, JOSE
Science Fair, honorable
mention; French Club;
DECA.

DE LOS SANTOS,
LUCIO

DICKERSON, ANDREA
Lion's Club Science A-
ward; Weslaco Science
Fair, grand champion;
Regional Science Fair,
second place; UIL Biolo-
gy; Texas Wool contest;
San Antonio; Y-Teens;
FFA; Student Senate rep-
resentative; FHA; Pep
Squad; Sing Out; Senior
Talent Show make-up
committee; Student
Senate; Powder Puff
football; Triple 4-H; Wes-
laco Queen contestant;
GAA; Delegate to Hi-
dalgo County citizenship
Seminar.

DODD, BARRY
Yoder Choir Award;
State track meet, pole
vault.

EASLY, MELODY ANN
Regional Science Fair;
Weslaco Science Fair, sec-
ond place; Regional UIL
One-Act play, all star
cast; Y-Teens; Pep Squad;
GAA; PASF, delegate to
state convention; Phi-
Chem-Bi; Drama Club;
OEA; FTA; Press Club;
Sing-Out; Senior Talent
Show; Senior Play; Drug
Seminar; Weslaco Queen
contestant.

ENGLE, MARY
KATHERINE (KATHY)
Pep Squad; OEA, rep-
orter; Sing Out;
American Heritage; VOE;
Y-Teens; FHA; Weslaco
Queen contestant; Hi-
Life staff; Quill and
Scroll; Freshman Duchess
candidate; Senior Talent
Show; Basketball intramurals; Farm Bureau
Citizenship Seminar.

ESCOBAR, NORMA
ICT; FHA; Pep Squad.

ESPINOZA, NANCY
Catholic War Veterans
Scholarship.

FERNANDEZ, LINDA E.
UIL Band solo and en-
semble, division I; Twirl-
er, two div. II; FHA,
president; historian, state
representative; Press
Club; Phi-Chem-Bi; FTA;
Weslaco Queen's contest-
ant; Senior Talent Show;
Spanish Play; Senior
Play; Freshman high
point girl; 4-H.

FORTENBERRY,
JENNEFER
English IV honors class;
Drug Seminar; UIL type-
writing; Hidalgo County
Bar Association Law Day
Essay, first place; Basket-
ball intramurals; FTA,
president, vice-president,
historian, delegate to
state convention; Pep
Squad; French Club;
Sing-Out; Press Club; La
Palma staff, associate
editor; Quill and Scroll;
Weslaco Queen contest-

ant; School Service
award; Senior Talent
Show; Texas A&M sum-
mer journalism work-
shop; NHS honorary
member.

FLORES, ESMERALDA
Science Fair; ICT, treas-
urer.

FLORES, SONIA MARIA
Pep Squad; FHA; Sing-
out; Powder Puff foot-
ball; Senior Talent Show;
Choir.

FRASE, ROXANNE
National Spanish Exam,
top one percent; Pep
Squad; GAA; PASF, pro-
gram chairman, Y-Teens;
FHA; Cheerleader; Sing-
Out; Basketball; Powder
Puff football; Most Beau-
tiful; Freshman Duchess;
Homecoming Queen
nominee; Weslaco Queen
contestant.

GALLAGHER, DEBBY
Betty Crocker Award.

GAMEZ, SAMUEL
Kiwanis Club Scholar-
ship; Athletics; French
Club, chairman; Letter-
man's Club.

GARCIA, DIANE
FHA; Sing Out; Pep
Squad; DECA; NHS
honorary member.

GARCIA, ESMERALDA
FHA; Choir; OEA; Pep
Squad; Sing Out.

GARCIA, ESTHER
Pep Squad; FHA; Sing
Out; DE, president;
sweetheart.

GARCIA, SYLVIA
ICT; FHA; Choir.

GARCIA, WILLFRED
DECA.

GOESER, JAMES
ALLEN
Vocational Ag highest
grades; County 4-H
Council Triple 4-H, presi-
dent, vice-president,
treasurer; FFA, Chaplin,
Senior Talent Show; FFA
quiz, second place.

GONZALEZ, GLENDA
Band; FHA; Sing Out;
PASF; Pep Squad;
DECA; Student Senate
representative.

GONZALEZ, JOSE LUIS

GONZALEZ, OLGA
UIL Shorthand; FHA;
VOE; OEA district meet,
shorthand, eighth place.

GRAHAM, JERRY ALAN
Honor graduate; Scho-
lastic Achievement;
Industrial Arts Fair, first
place; NHS, treasurer;
Senior Talent Show.

GRAY, CAROL ANN
Pep Squad; American
Heritage class; Sing Out;
Basketball intramurals;
Library Service.

HARBISON, KATHY
REGINA
VOE; Band.

HARBISON, VICKY
ANN

UIL Spelling; Junior His-
torians; Drama Club;
PASF; FHA; School Ser-
vice award; Senior Play.

HEFLEY, DIANE
DAR Citizenship award;
Science Fair; Sing Out;
GAA; VOE; Senior
Talent Show; Y-Teens;
Basketball; Track; Pow-
der Puff football; Cheer-
leader; Pep Squad, parlia-
mentarian; PASF, pro-
gram chairman; Fresh-
man Duchess alternate;
Sophomore Duchess;
Weslaco Queen contest-
ant; PASF delegate, first
place costume contest
winner.

HINOJOSA, OLGA
FHA; DECA

HINOJOSA, RAUL
DECA.

HINOJOSA, SYLVIA
FHA; Choir; Intramural
Volleyball; Basketball;
DE.

HUERTA, LUCILA G.
(LUCY)
UIL Band solo and en-
semble, I, II, band Coun-
cil; Sing Out; FHA;
American Heritage; Sen-
ior representative.

JENKINES, RANDALL
CRAIG
Honor graduate; Kiwanis
Service Award; English
IV honors class; UIL
band div. I; Key Club,
board of directors, presi-
dent; Senior Talent
Show; Boy's State dele-
gate; NHS.

KNOWLES, TANIA
Quill and Scroll; Journal-
ism award; English IV
honors class; Y-Teens;
Pep Squad; Press Club,
vice-president, entertain-
ment committee; GAA;
Choir, librarian; WHS
Singers; Sing Out; La
Palma editor, assistant
editor; High Girl Junior
Mum Salesman; Senior
Talent Show; Weslaco
Queen contestant.

LANCASTER, KAREN
MAY

Honor graduate; Who's
Who Among American
High School Students;
NHS; Student Senate rep-
resentative; English IV
honors class; National
Spanish exam, top one
percent; Scholastic
Excellence award; Y-
Teens, secretary; PASF,
secretary; Pep Squad,
treasurer; Freshman Class
president; Cheerleader;
Sing-Out; GAA; Farm
Bureau Democracy Semi-
nar delegate; Drug Semi-
nar student leader; Senior
Talent Show; Spanish II
Play; B-Team Basketball;
Powder Puff football;
Queen of Weslaco; Wesla-
co's representative to Rio
Grande Valley Day at the
San Antonio Livestock
Show; Essay contest;
OEA district contest, sec-
ond place, regional con-

test, fifth place.

LIGON, STEVE
Honor graduate; Key
Club, treasurer; Board of
Directors; Golf; Sing Out.

LINDERMAN,
CHRISTIE
Science Fair; FTA, secre-
tary; Choir, vice-presi-
dent; Track; Y-Teens;
Pep Squad; Powder Puff
football; FHA; DE; Sing
Out; Weslaco Queen con-
testant; Student Senate;
Choir; representative;
WHS Singers.

LOPEZ, MAGDA
Magic Valley Beauty
College Scholarship;
FHA; DE.

LOPEZ, PETRA
FHA; DE.

LOZANO, LINDA LEE
Drama Club; Junior His-
torians; VOE; FHA; OEA
district meet, parliamen-
tary procedure, second
place.

LYLES, JOYCE MARIE
Honor graduate; Weslaco
Science Fair, first place;
Regional Science Fair,
third place; Navy Cruise
Award; UIL Science; San
Antonio Wool contest;
GAA; Pep Squad, officer;
FHA; Student Senate;
PASF, secretary; Y-
Teens; Senior Play; NHS
honorary member.

MARQUEZ,
ROSALINDA
FHA; Powder Puff foot-
ball; Senior Play; Pep
Squad; Basketball.

MATA, FLORENCE
DECA.

MATAMOROS,
LEONICIA (LEE)
Publications, Hi-Life,
Staff; Quill and Scroll;
Press Club; Choir; Stu-
dent Senate; alternate for
Choir Student Senate
representative.

MARTINEZ, PEDRO

MCDANIEL, ESTHER
JANEL
Pep Squad; Sing Out;
VOE, treasurer; PASF;
FHA; Powder Puff foot-
ball; Senior Talent Show;
Weslaco Queen contest-
ant; OEA district contest,
parliamentary procedure,
second place; NHS
honorary member.

MCFARLAND, JUDY
KAY
San Antonio Wool Con-
test; Y-Teens; FHA;
FTA; PASF; Sing Out;
Senior Talent Show.

MCMANUS, MARK
UIL, Golf, district third
place; Science Fair,
honorable mention; Key
Club; Sing Out; March of
Dimes Walk-a-Thon; Sen-
ior Talent Show; Most
Handsome; Sophomore
Duchess escort; usher,
Weslaco Queen contest;
Football; Basketball.

MCWHORTER, THOMAS
DEARL
Key Club; Football; Bas-
ketball; Track; DE; Sales
Demonstration, honor-
able mention.

MEDRANO, ADOLFO A.

MENDOZA, IRMA
Literary Review Award.

MICHALK, THOMAS
KEITH
English IV honors class;
Band solo, div. I; div. I
quarter, All-Regional
Band, Area Band, Junior
representative Band
Council, president; Key
Club; Phi-Chem-Bi, dele-
gate to Texas Boy's
State; Senior Talent
Show; Sing Out; NHS
honorary member.

MOORE, SANDY (MRS.)
Band, division I solo; Pep
Squad; Choir.

MORA, MARGARITA
FHA; VOE, vice-presi-
dent; DE.

MORA, MAXIMO
Concordia Masonic
Lodge Scholarship;
Honor graduate.

NICHOLS, LINDA
Choir, UIL solo, two sec-
ond places, robe com-
mittee, FTA, secretary,
historian; Pep Squad;
GAA; Y-Teens; WHS
Singers; Senior Talent
Show; Senior Play; Sing
Out; FHA; State choir.

NORIEGA, ROBERTO

OCHOA, ZULEMA
FHA, historian, PASF;
Senior Talent Show; UIL
One-Act Play, honorable
mention, District All-Star
Cast, Debate Team.

OLIVAREZ, MINERVA
Science Fair, second
place, UIL Persuasive
Speaking; Pep Squad;
Choir; Sing Out; Powder
Puff; Senior Talent
Show; Basketball, volley-
ball intramurals, captain;
FHA, first vice-president,
Dallas convention; PASF
historian, Austin conven-
tion.

PADILLA, MARIA
ELMA
VOE.

PANZER, GREGORY
KENT
Phi-Chem-Bi; Tennis;
Sing Out.

PARKER, ROY
Babe Ruth Sportmanship
Award; Bobby Lackey
Athletic Award.

PAYNE, KATHY
Phi-Chem-Bi, secretary;
VOE, treasurer; OEA,
district meet, parliamen-
tary procedure, second
place; PASF; Weslaco
Queen contestant; Pep
Squad; Sing Out; Y-
Teens; GAA; Drama
Club; Volleyball; Basket-
ball; Track; Powder Puff
football; Senior Talent
Show.

PENA, ESTELLA R.
Jaycee Scholarship; UIL
Band ensemble medal.

PERALEZ, DELIA
DE.

PEREZ, DOLORES
ICT; French Club.

PINALEZ, EMMA
Honor graduate;
American Legion Citizen-
ship Award; Who's Who
Among American High
School Students; Science
Fair, Grand Champion;
Outstanding Achieve-
ment award, chemistry
and VOE; Scholastic
Achievement award;
NHS; Pan American Col-
lege Math Conference;
PASF; Phi-Chem-Bi,
secretary, treasurer;
OEA; Pep Squad; Stu-
dent Senate representa-
tive; Girl Most Likely to
Succeed; Junior Favorite;
Bluebonnet Girl's State
delegate; Area VOE con-
testant; Weslaco Queen
contestant.

POLVADO, SHERRY
Weslaco Queen Contest-
ant; Freshman Cheer-
leader; Pep Squad; GAA;
Y-Teens; Basketball,
B-Team; Sing Out; Pow-
der Puff football; NHS
honorary member.

PRATT, CHRISTI
FHA; FTA, secretary;
Y-Teens; Pep Squad;
VICA, secretary; Basket-
ball; Volleyball; varsity
manager, basketball;
Track manager; WHS
Singers; Choir.

PULLEN, MIKE
Basketball; Tennis.

QUINTERO, JULIA
(SEE REYNOSO)

Spanish II Outstanding
award; PASF, president;
PASF RGV second vice-
president; PASF Myrtle
Tanner Scholarship to
Mexico; Press Club; Pep
Squad; Sophomore Class
vice-president; Junior
Class vice-president;
Bureau Farm Seminar in
McAllen; PASF State
convention voting dele-
gate; Senior Talent Show;
Outstanding Spanish stu-
dent in Mexico; Sweet-
heart at Monterrey Tech;
Neighborhood Youth
Corps, president; Drug
Seminar leader; PASF
Merienda Style Show; La
Palma Staff; Powder Puff
football; Science Fair;
Volleyball and basketball
intramurals.

RAMON, ISRAEL
Honor graduate.

REYES, JANIE
Lulac Scholarship

RICO, MARIA ELENA
DE.

RILEY, MARY
ELIZABETH
Honor graduate; NHS;
English IV honors class;
Y-Teens; Pep Squad;
PASF parliamentarian;
FHA parliamentarian;

GAA; Senior Talent
Show; Senior Play; Sing
Out; Weslaco Queen con-
testant; PASF State Con-
vention; Farm Bureau
Seminar in McAllen.

RIVERA, JOSE LUIS
VICA, La Palma.

RIVERA, MARIA
ELENA
FHA; Senior Talent
Show, usher.

ROARK, LINDA
Honor graduate; Science
Fair; San Antonio Wool
Division; UIL typing,
biology; PASF, treasurer;
PASF state representa-
tive; Student Senate;
Y-Teens; Pep Squad;
GAA; recipient of the
speed-typing pin; Drama
Club; Sing Out; Senior
Talent Show; Basketball;
Tennis; Powder Puff
football; Track; FHA;
Weslaco Princess; Phi-
Chem-Bi; One-Act play.

RODRIGUEZ,
ESMERALDA
ICT; FHA; Sing Out; Pep
Squad, La Palma.

RODRIGUEZ, GILBERT
DE, historian.

RODRIGUEZ, MARIA
GLORIA
FHA; DE.

SALINAS, MARIA
IDALIA
Outstanding award in
Related Math I; FHA.

SANCHEZ, IDA
Crisco Award.

SANCHEZ, NORMA
LINDA
FHA; Choir; DE.

SANSING, DEBBIE
FHA; GAA; VOE, re-
porter; Y-Teens; Pep
Squad, secretary; Sing
Out; Senior Talent Show;
Weslaco Queen contest-
ant, top ten; Powder Puff
football; OEA, district
meet, parliamentary
procedure, second place.

SEPULVEDA, ALICIA
FHA; VOE; Press Club.

SEPULVEDA, DIANE
Honor graduate; FHA;
Pep Squad; DE, historian;
NHS honorary member.

SEPULVEDA, MARIA
ISABEL
FHA; DE; Science Fair.

SERNA, LINDA
VOE; Band.

SHAW, RANDY
Science Fair, third place
'67-68; FFA; Basketball.

SILVA, NORMA LINDA
Classroom Teachers
Scholarship; Honor grad-
uate; Rotary Club Lead-
ership Award; NHS;
GAA; Pep Squad; PASF,
president, state officer;
DECA, reporter, vice-
president; FHA; Scholas-
tic Excellence award;
Miss WHS; Valley PASF

Council, State Conven-
tion voting delegate;
Cheerleader; Freshman
Favorite; Sophomore
Favorite Bluebonnet
Girl's State, county
judge; Alternate Sopho-
more Duchess; Junior
Duchess; Homecoming
Queen; Area IV DECA
contest; Weslaco DECA,
outstanding girl; Drug
Seminar student leader;
Sing Out; Basketball;
Volleyball; Senior Play,
makeup; Senior Talent
Show, programs; Powder
Puff football; Sophomore
Class secretary; Senior
Class vice-president;
Weslaco Queen contest-
ant; Summer Scholarship,
Saltillo, Mexico; Out-
standing Teenager of
America; Outstanding
American High School
Student; Who's Who.

STEPHENS, PATTI JANE
Science Fair, third place;
Y-Teens, president;
Sophomore, junior, sen-
ior Student Senate rep-
resentative; PASF; Pep
Squad; Choir; Sing Out;
Senior Talent Show;
Weslaco Queen contest-
ant; Make It With Wool;
OEA district meet, parlia-
mentary procedure, sec-
ond place.

STEVENSON, THOMAS
Key Club; Golf, district;
Track.

THOMSON, LUANNE
Salutatorian; Who's Who
Among American High
School Students; Out-
standing American High
School Student; NHS,
president; Outstanding
Health award; English IV
honors class; Alternate to
Girl's State; Y-Teens,
vice-president; Pep
Squad, vice-president;
PASF; VOE; Student
Senate, secretary; Fresh-
men, B-Team Cheer-
leader; Sing Out; GAA;
Spanish II Play; Senior
Talent Show; B-Team
Basketball; Powder Puff
football; Drug Seminar
leader; OEA district meet
parliamentary procedure,
second place and business
math, tenth place.

TREVINO, ENRIQUE
DE; Hi-Life staff.

VALDES, RUBEN R.
English IV honors class;
UIL Band solos and en-
sembles, div. I; UIL Spell-
ing, first runner-up; Time
Magazine's Current Af-
airs test; Band, secre-
tary-treasurer; Senior
Class Student Senate rep-
resentative; Key Club,
vice-president; Phi-
Chem-Bi; Senior Talent
Show; Drug Seminar
leader; March-of-Dimes
Walk-a-Thon; Alternate
All-Valley Band.

VASQUEZ, GLORIA
DE; Choir; FHA; Pep
Squad.

VASQUEZ, JESSIE
DE, vice-president; Sen-
ior Talent Show.

VASQUEZ, JUANITA
(CONNIE)
Senior Talent Show; Sen-
ior Play; PASF Merienda
singer; Junior Pageant
contestant.

VASQUEZ, NORMA
DE; Choir.

VASQUEZ, PETRA
DE

VILLANUEVA, MARIA
DE LOURDES
FHA; PASF; FHA, fifth
vice-president.

VILLARREAL,
JOSEPHINE
DE; Choir.

VILLARREAL, LUPITA
Superior Rating award,
Area I sales demonstra-
tion; honorable mention,
sales demonstration;
DECA sweetheart; Wesla-
co Princess; Certificate in
PE for most athletic; Best
Student, DE.

WEBBER, JUAN
Magic Valley Industrial
Fair; ICT; Choir; Senior
Play.

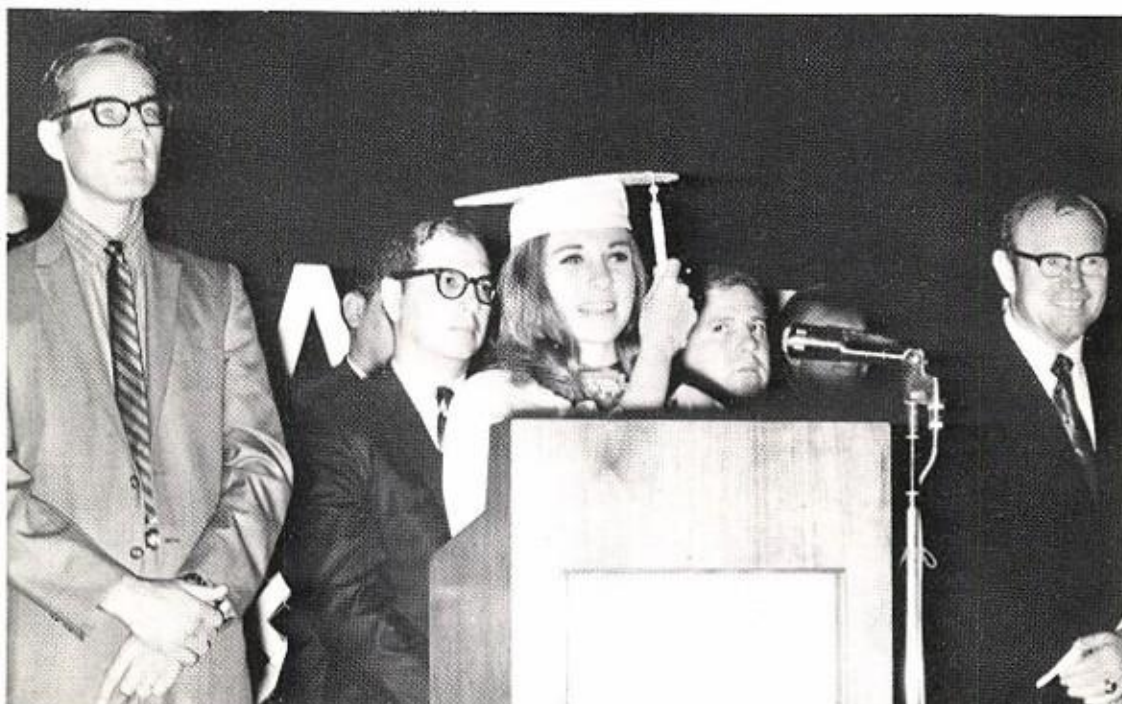
WELLS, RICHARD
Honor graduate; Basket-
ball Letterman, two
years; Senior Talent

Show; Key Club; One-
Act Play; Sing Out; Boy's
State delegate; NHS
honorary member.

WHITE, RUTHIE
Typing I award; Honor
graduate; UIL Typing
contest, second place;
Freshman and Varsity
Cheerleader; GAA;
PASF, representative;
Student Senate; VOE,
secretary; Y-Teens;
Drama Club; Sing Out;
Pep Squad; Senior Talent
Show; Basketball; Tennis;
Powder Puff football;
Blue Jean Queen contest-
ant; Cover Girl contest-
ant; Track; Phi-Chem-Bi;
Junior Favorite; FFA
sweetheart; Junior Duch-
ess nominee.

WILSON, ELIZABETH
DIANE
Honor graduate; Who's
Who Among American
High School Students;
Outstanding American
High School Student;
Scholastic Achievement,
certificate of award;
English IV honors class;
Girl's State, alternate;
UIL Letter; Farm Bureau
Citizenship Seminar,
delegate; Outstanding
Student in American
High School; Senior
Class, president; Fresh-
man Class, treasurer; Stu-
dent Senate, correspond-
ing secretary; Y-Teens,
treasurer; NHS, secretary;
Pep Squad; GAA; Choir,
pianist, project chairman;
Senior Play; Senior
Talent Show, assistant
Chairman; Sing Out;
OEA; Drug Seminar stu-
dent leader; OEA district
meet parliamentary pro-
cedure, second place,
state meet.

WUBBENA, RACHEL
Rotary Club Scholarship;
UIL typewriting, third
place.



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